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## Happy New Year!

The directors, staff, and employees of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative wish all their members a happy and successful new year.

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# Wayne-White Sends Membership Christmas Envelope

In December, we at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative were pleased to greet you with our best wishes as well as a few items we had prepared and sent to you in a Christmas envelope. We hope you found these items informative and useful.

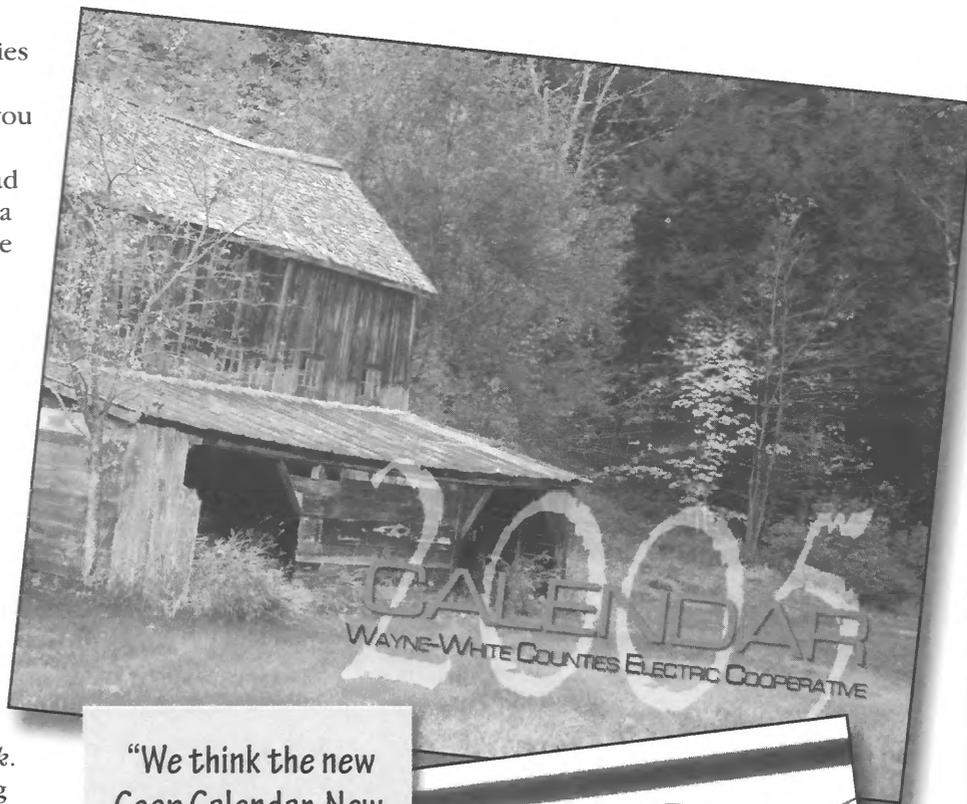
The first was the 2005 Wayne-White co-op calendar. The calendar included beautiful photographs of Wayne-White-related subject matter. For your convenience, we combined standard calendar holidays with notable dates in Wayne-White's history, Wayne-White office closings, and statistics about your cooperative.

We also included a new *New Member Handbook*. You may remember receiving your first handbook; they are generally distributed to those who are beginning their membership. We think it contains some valuable information about the cooperative and we want everyone to have access to the most up-to-date version.

You should have also received a copy of the Wayne-White bylaws. New bylaws were published in 2004 with changes that were approved by our membership at the 2004 annual meeting. We think every one of you should have a copy of the new bylaws.

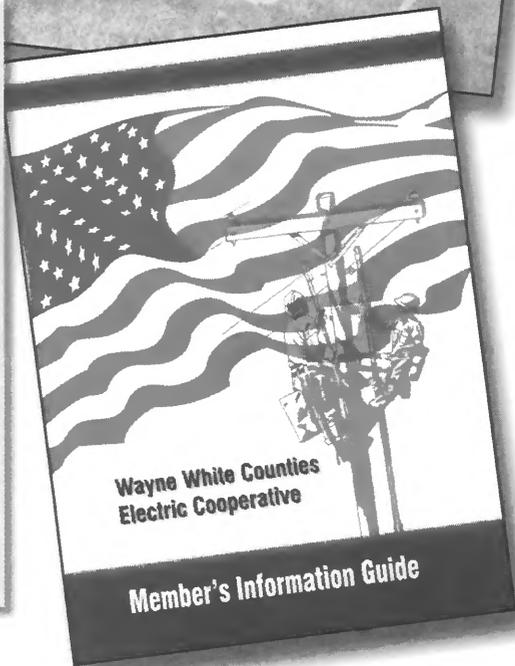
Finally, we included a glow-in-the-dark refrigerator magnet. On the magnet, you will find a place to write your account number and the location number to use should you ever need to report an outage.

If you're a member and did not receive the Christmas enve-



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**- Jerry Houser,  
Vice President,  
Member Services**



lope, please call Jerry Houser, Wayne-White Member Services at (618) 842-2196 so we can get you a copy of these materials. We hope you found these products helpful, and we sincerely wish you a prosperous and happy New Year.

# Use Caution With Space Heaters and Supplemental Heating Equipment

Heating appliances leading culprit of home fires during cold weather

**F**alling temperatures and rising heating costs have many members looking at ways to lower home-heating bills. Safe Electricity urges extreme caution for those planning to use electric space heaters to help warm homes this winter.

Approximately one-third of all house fires nationwide occur during the cold, home-heating season of December, January, and February. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the major cause of these winter fires can be attributed to faulty and improper use and maintenance of supplemental heating equipment, such as space heaters.

“Portable heaters can help take the chill from areas of your home, but are very dangerous if used improperly,” says Molly Hall, Safe Electricity Director. “Stay warm and safe, and give space heaters space – at least three feet from anything that can burn, including little fingers!”

Some cities have banned the use of many types of portable space heaters. Before purchasing or using any type of space heater, check with your local fire department to find out if it is legal in your community.

## Safe Electricity offers the following precautions when using electric space heaters:

- Purchase only space heaters that have been safety tested and rated. Make sure the unit is equipped with automatic shut-off features and heating element guards. Read and follow all of the manufacturer’s instructions for operation and care.
- Before use, check to make sure the heater is in good



condition, and have all problems professionally repaired.

- Place heater out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, non-flammable floor surface-- NOT on carpets, furniture, or countertops.
- Remember to keep space heaters at least three feet from all flammable items such as draperies, blankets, and sofas.
- Do not overload circuits. Don't use extension cords or multiple plugs with a space heater, and make sure the unit is not plugged into the same circuit as other electric appliances.
- Never leave space heaters unattended. Turn off your space heater and unplug it before leaving the room or going to bed.

“Remember, never allow children or pets near an electric heater,” warns Hall. “Accidental contact could result in serious shock or burns.”

Many people also use electric blankets to keep warm during cold winter nights. Before plugging in electric blan-

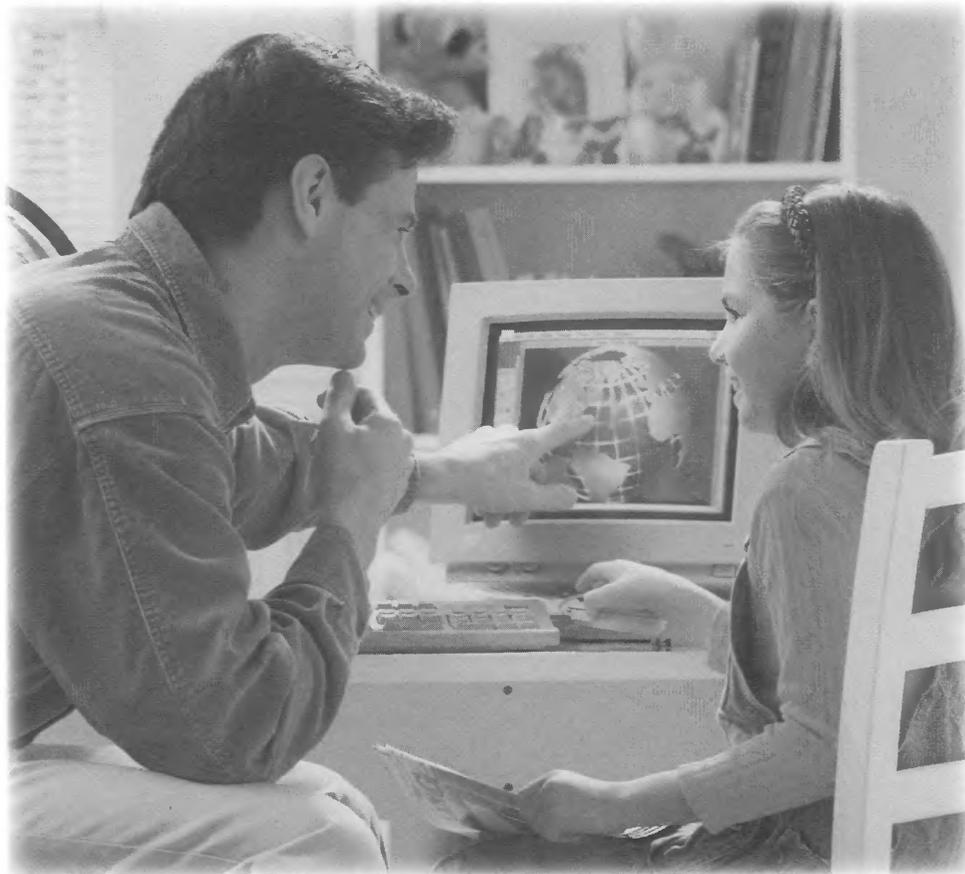


kets, check for any damage and inspect cord for frays, cracks, or cuts. Electric blankets should not be tucked under the mattress and nothing should be placed on top of the blanket while it's in use, including comforters and bedspreads. Also, pets should never be allowed to sleep on the electric blanket.

Safe Electricity also reminds everyone to make sure smoke alarms in your home are installed and working properly.

For more electrical safety information, visit the [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org) Web site. Safe Electricity is an electrical safety public awareness program created and supported by a coalition of several dozen organizations, including the University of Illinois, rural electric cooperatives and investor-owned electric utilities, and other entities dedicated to promoting electric safety.

# Do You Take Your Electricity For Granted?



Do you always expect a light to turn on with a flip a switch? Do you expect your stove burners to get hot when you turn them on? Do you expect your television set or computer to come on at the press of a button? Your local electric cooperative makes taking electricity for granted easier. Because of your co-op, you can count on clean, reliable electricity to keep you warm, fed, and entertained.

*Brought to you by your local electric cooperative.*

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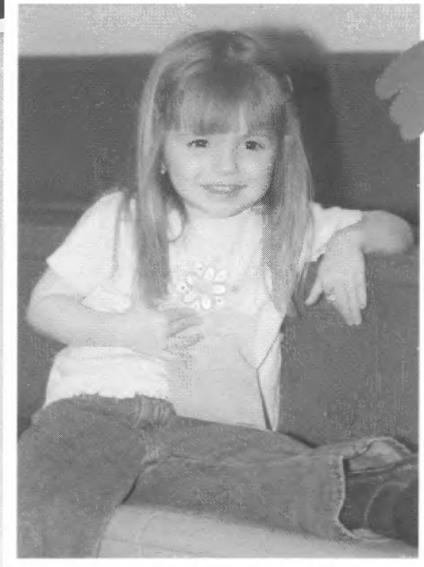
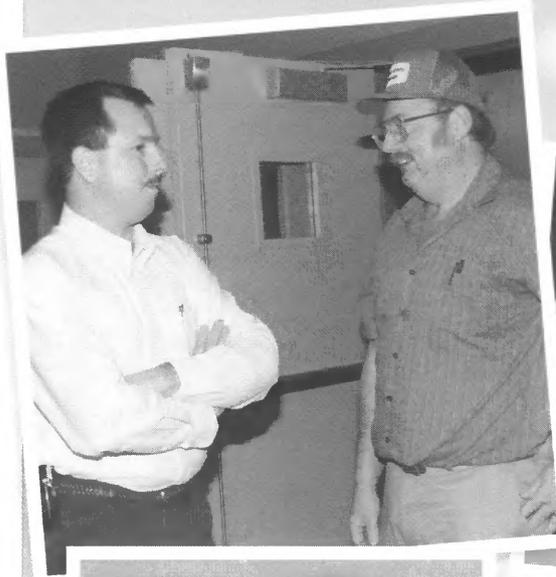
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## Annual Meeting

### April 1



**W**ayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting will be held Friday, April 1, 2005, at the Carmi-White County High School in Carmi, Illinois. More details about the Annual Meeting will be provided in the March issue. Wayne-White's Board of Directors, staff, and employees are looking forward to seeing you there.

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# Be Prepared For Ice Storms and Prolonged Power Outages

**B**lasts of winter wind, precipitation, and fluctuating temperatures can result in severe freezing rain, sleet, and ice storms.

A heavy build-up of ice on power lines can cause wires to snap and utility poles to topple. Falling ice-laden trees or limbs can bring down power lines, cause outages, and threaten life and property.

Safe Electricity stresses the importance of being prepared for these potentially dangerous storms and the power outages they may cause. Having the right supplies and knowing how to stay warm safely are keys to weathering a winter storm emergency.

"Severe damage to power lines and transmission systems may take days to repair," said Molly Hall, Director of Safe Electricity. "In a winter storm emergency, restoring power and heat to consumers is the highest priority, and electric utility crews work around the clock to restore service."

Typically, there is ample warning of an approaching winter storm system and most know to stay off roads and seek shelter. But Hall stresses that everyone, particularly families with special needs, must be prepared and know what to do in case of a winter emergency and long-term power outages:

- Always keep a battery-powered radio or TV, flashlights, and a supply of fresh batteries readily available,
- Know where to find extra blankets,
- Fill spare containers with water for washing, and keep a supply of bottled drinking water on hand,
- Keep a supply of foods that don't require cooking or re-



frigeration, along with a hand opener for canned food,

- Switch off lights and appliances to prevent overloading circuits and damaging appliances when power is restored. Leave one lamp or switch on to signal when your power returns,
- To prevent water pipes from freezing, keep faucets turned on slightly so water drips from the tap,

"Never use a charcoal grill to cook or heat with inside the home," Hall emphasized. "It gives off deadly carbon monoxide gas. Grills should be used only outdoors."

It's a good idea to assemble a disaster supply kit ahead of time that includes needed items. Don't forget to include a first aid kit, prescription medicines, and special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members.

Maintaining warmth is a priority during a winter emergency. Loss of body heat or hypothermia can be life threatening.

- Stay inside and dress warmly in layered clothing.

- Close off unneeded rooms.
- When using an alternate heat source, follow operating instructions, use fire safeguards, and be sure to properly ventilate.

If you use a standby generator, make sure it has a transfer safety switch or that your power is cut off at the breaker box before you operate it. This prevents electricity from traveling back through the power lines, or what's known as "back feed." Back feed creates danger for anyone near lines, particularly crews working to restore power.

When outside, treat all downed and hanging lines as if they are energized electric lines. Stay away, warn others to stay away, and immediately contact your utility. For more detailed information and electrical safety tips, visit [www.SafeElectricity.org](http://www.SafeElectricity.org).

Safe Electricity is a not-for-profit safety public awareness program sponsored by a coalition of electric utilities and cooperatives, the University of Illinois, and other organizations dedicated to promoting electrical safety.



And Then

# There Was LIGHT!

Thanks to Franklin Delano Roosevelt's efforts toward rural electrification, rural families were changed forever as kerosene lanterns like this one were replaced with electric lights. Other modern conveniences soon followed to further ease the strains of farm life and rural living.

By Tina Farmer

Millions of Americans recognize the third Monday in February as Presidents Day, a day honoring the births of both Washington and Abraham Lincoln. This year, we at the AIEC would also like to honor the president who was instrumental in the birth of electric cooperatives, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

In the throes of recovery from the Great Depression, Roosevelt implemented a collection of administrations and aid programs known as the "New Deal." Instituted in May 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), a product of the New Deal, was the manifestation of Roosevelt's promise to extend the convenience of electricity enjoyed by urban dwellers to the rural residents of the United States.

In the mid-1930s, fewer than 20 percent of American farms had electricity. The formation of the REA made low-interest government loans available to rural residents for the construction of their own electri-

cal systems. Scores of farmers and other country dwellers clamored to file for REA funds and canvassed their communities, collecting signatures from neighbors who promised to support the fledgling electric cooperatives.

Ellis Bennett, grandfather of Chris Bennett, Director of Administration and Finance for Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, was one of the pioneers who carried a cooperative petition door-to-door. Ellis' son Bill remembers the late nights his father spent visiting neighbors and selling the idea of a cooperative to the community. "Everybody was afraid they were going to lose their farms if they signed up for anything," recalls Bill. Visions of losing the family farm loomed large when faced with the prospect of the enormous expense associated with building a new electrical system, but fear alone was not enough to deter those survivors of the Great Depression, and in 1940 the lights went on at the Bennett farm. Bill was 16.

"I well remember the first night we got electricity," reflects Bill. "My family had gone to an event of some type at a one-room schoolhouse. We were walking home and saw a porch light some folks had left on about 1/4 mile from our house. Oh boy! There that light was just a shinin'! You never saw such a light."

Those of us born post-electricity simply cannot appreciate the difference this new miracle made to farm life. "There's no comparison between the before and after," says Bill. "Everywhere you went you either fumbled around in the dark or carried a kerosene lamp. Of course you might not have had much more than a light bulb when you first got electricity, but at least you had a light."

This Presidents Day, when you switch on your TVs, radios, and computers, take a moment to remember President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the miraculous light he shared with rural residents across the nation.

## “Paws” and Take Steps to Keep Pets Safe From Electrical Hazards

**Y**our family pet can turn anything it finds in and around the home into a play or chew toy. It's important to make sure your pets don't add electrical devices to their toy chest.

A frisky dog or curious cat can cause an electrical hazard or fire in ways you may not have thought about. Safe Electricity offers this safety checklist:

- 1) Keep electrical cords away from puppies and kittens so they don't chew on them and receive a severe shock. If you have difficulty getting your pet to stop chewing on the cord, you can paint it with a bitter tasting polish or wrap the cord in a thick plastic sleeve.
- 2) Make sure nightlights and appliances are completely plugged into wall outlets. Partially exposed prongs are a hazard for curious children, puppies, and kittens.
- 3) Keep halogen lamps away from play areas for pets and children. Some halogen bulbs can reach very high temperatures, and if knocked over during play, could easily start a fire.
- 4) Keep appliances near sinks and bathtubs a safe distance away from the water source. Playful pets can knock radios, curling irons, and other items into the water, creating a dangerous situation.
- 5) Discourage cats and dogs from curling up for a nap behind warm computer equipment. Pets need to be kept away from all electrical connections.

For more electrical safety information, visit [www.SafeElectricity.org](http://www.SafeElectricity.org).



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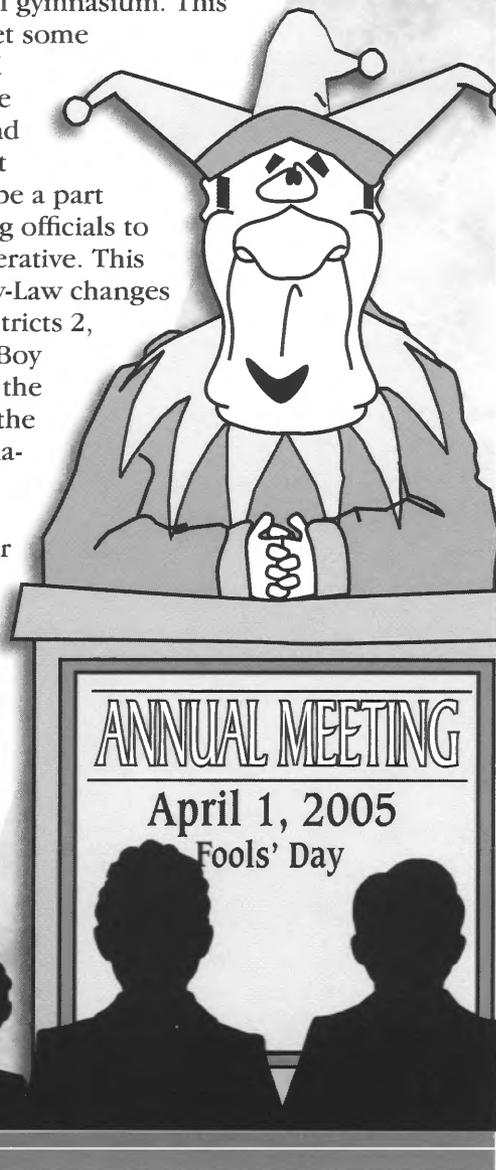
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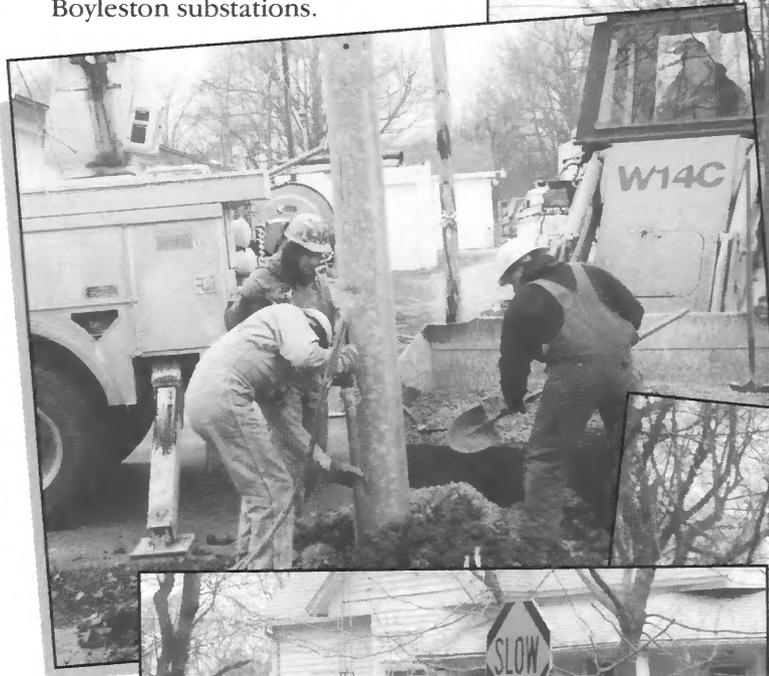
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# Wayne-White Upgrades More Power Lines!



In January, Wayne-White linemen started the reconversion of a 3-phase power line through the heart of Wayne City, replacing wooden poles with new steel poles and replacing 50-year old brittle hard-drawn #6 copper with #2 ACSR (a steel reinforced aluminum conductor). We've got an aggressive work plan for 2005 and this is just the start, said Jerry White, Operations Superintendent for Wayne-White. Not only will this reconversion improve service reliability within Wayne City, it also fixes a weak link we had between the Wayne City and Boyleston substations.



# Co-op Receives 2005 Tree Line USA Award

**T**he National Arbor Day Foundation has named Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative a Tree Line USA utility for the third year.

The Tree Line USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and recognizes utilities that meet three requirements: a program of quality tree care, annual worker training in quality tree care practices, and a tree planting and public education program.

"Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our towns and cities, and provide many environmental and economic benefits. Trees make our communities more livable, increase property values, and help clean the air," John Rosenow, The National Arbor Day Foundation's President, said. "And trees conserve energy, which is especially important to utilities as peak demand is reduced."

"The commitment of the Tree Line USA utilities to protect community trees while providing reliable service not only helps to provide beautiful trees for the future, but also results in long-term operational savings for the utility," Rosenow said.

"Reforming the outdated line-clearance practice of mutilating trees by topping is a major objec-

tive of Tree Line USA," Rosenow said. "Natural pruning which trains trees to grow around the wires and retain more of their natural form is better for the health of the trees and improves their appearance. Natural pruning also saves money for the utilities, because it has to be done less frequently than topping."

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative will be recognized during the Arbor Day Foundation's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Trees and Utilities Conference in Omaha, during April 18-20, 2005.

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative's right-of-



way program is managed by Jim Gifford. Ask Jim about Wayne-White's Trade-a-Tree program, where Wayne-White will purchase a tree to replace a troublesome tree, and Wayne-White's participation with the National Turkey Federation in planting wildlife habitat under cooperative right-of ways.

## Wayne-White Employees Receive Service Awards



**O**n January 28, 13 Wayne-White employees received service awards for outstanding service during their tenure at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative. This group is representative of all the Wayne-White employees proud to serve our membership. From left to right are: Dave Johnson, 5 years; Chad Hinkle, 5 years; Alan Kincart, 10 years; Fred Puckett, 5 years; Larry Smith, 5 years; Kerry Meritt, 5 years; Donna Jordan, 20 years; Ruby Green, 10 years; David Bailey, 15 years; and Jerry White, 15 years. Not pictured are Lisa McMeen, 15 years; Kim Rodgers, 10 years; and Denice Kinney, 5 years.

## Youth To Washington (Don't Miss Your Chance To Go!)

**W**ayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) is once again proud to offer the chance for local students to earn and all expense paid trip to Washington DC. Each year, at the end of March, Wayne-White selects 10 local students, based on essays submitted by the students, to go to Springfield for a day to visit the Capital and meet with legislators, as well as visit the Supreme Court and other points of interest in Springfield. From these 10 students, Wayne-White will select two students for the Washington, DC trip. This year, the Springfield trip will be on



April 13, 2005, and the Washington, DC trip will be June 17-24, 2005. Essay packages will be due at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative by March 28, 2005. You can get your Youth Tour es-

say packages at your high school counselor's office, or from Jerry Houser, Member Services, at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative.

## Joe Phillips Retires Open house in honor of Joe on March 4

**O**n March 4, 2005, Joe Phillips, Lead Mechanic for Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative will retire. He will truly be missed. Joe is an individual who can always be trusted to do what's right. This trait has been demonstrated through his skillful care of Wayne-White's fleet of vehicles for the past 27 years. But Joe's character runs much deeper than his dependable mechanical skills. He has an unshakable faith in family, friends, and God that is naturally portrayed in his daily life. A visit to Joe's shop always results in one feeling better about their problem and themselves. Joe, it's been a pleasure and a privilege working with you.



During retirement, Joe plans to continue restoring his antique cars and bicycles, as well as searching for elusive antiques at estate auctions and flea markets with his wife Wanda.

An open house will be held at Wayne-White in honor of Joe's retirement on March 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come by and wish him well.

## Nab the Energy Thieves

**E**nergy thieves live and work among us, adjusting the thermostat a few degrees at their whim, and wasting energy dollars as they do.

Stop them by replacing your old-fashioned thermostat with a programmable one. It will automatically adjust the temperature in your home or business for maximum comfort and energy efficiency. Each degree you drop the setting will equate to a 5 percent decrease in energy costs.

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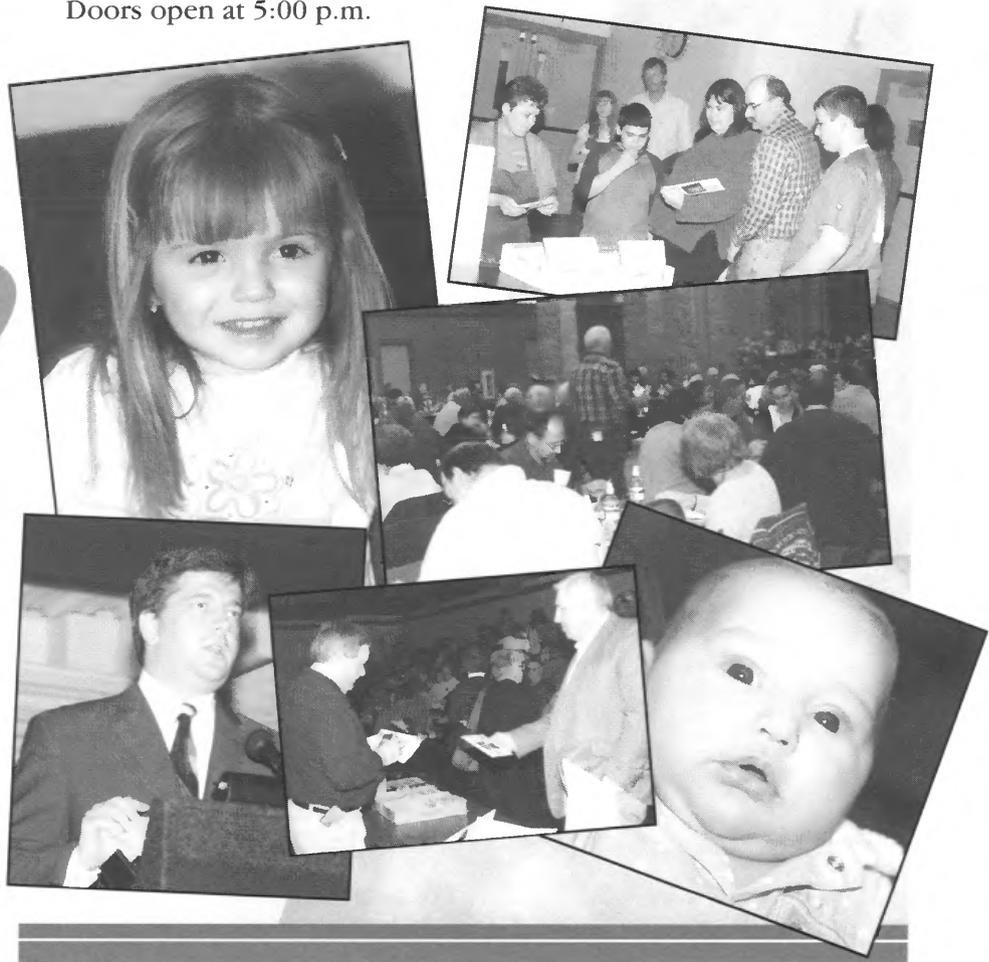
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# Shady Lane Is A Long-Term Care Option For Area Seniors

**S**everal years ago, Larry Taylor's father moved to a privately-run retirement home when he could no longer live independently. After witnessing the experience that his father had in the cozy home environment, Taylor planted a seed in his mind that one day he would organize and build the same kind of retirement home on behalf of other elderly.

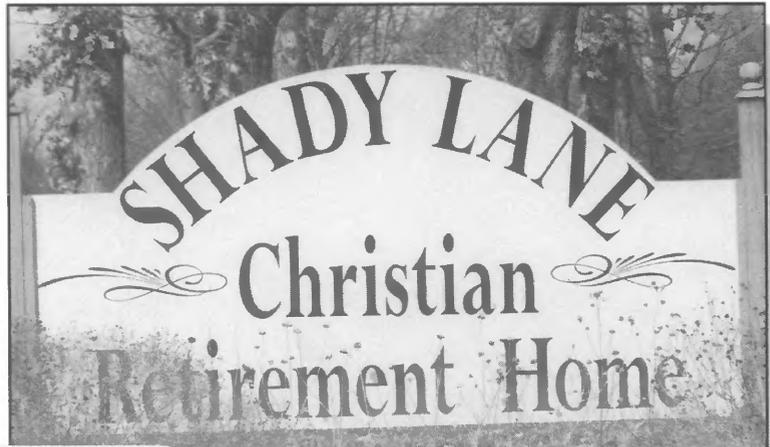
A few years after his father passed away, Taylor purchased a home and 40 acres along Enterprise Road, just north of Fairfield. After some remodeling, the Shady Lane Christian Retirement Home was born.

It has been eight years since Taylor first opened the doors to his cozy retirement home. The first original resident, John Curry, still lives there today. Taylor operates Shady Lane with his wife and daughter, and three part-time women who are Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs).

Because the Taylor family lives under the same roof with the residents, they provide high-quality 24-hour care.

Taylor has been a member of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative his entire life. "I was on Wayne-White lines when I lived in Mt. Erie and I continue to enjoy the cooperative services today at Shady Lane," he says.

Shady Lane currently has five residents, but can accommodate up to eight. "We provide total care," says Taylor. "We prepare the meals, take vital signs, give medicine, and even wash clothes."



*Shady Lane does not accept Medicare or Medicaid - it is totally private pay, but is an affordable option for many elderly loved ones.*



"The residents are visited once a month at the home by a local physician," he adds, "which is much easier than trying to take each resident to the doctor's office individually."

The retirement home includes all the comforts and amenities of a real home, including television, games, a dining room, a living room, etc. Shady

Lane does not accept Medicare or Medicaid - it is totally private pay, but is an affordable option for many elderly loved ones. For more information about Shady Lane Christian Retirement Home, call Larry Taylor at 842-2127.

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# Wayne-White Offers Air Evac Lifeteam Memberships

**W**ayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative has partnered with the Air Evac Lifeteam as a local independent representative. Your annual membership in the Air Evac Lifeteam can save your life or the life of someone you love.

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For more information, stop

by either office of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative and pick up a free brochure and membership application.

# Wayne-White Upgrades Facilities At New Plant

**S**oylutions opened a grain operation in the former Consolidated Coal company facility, just east of McLeansboro. They are now leasing a part of the facility to FS/Wabash Valley Service Company, which is consolidating much of their business to the new location and constructing a large storage building.

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative provides electricity to the facility. However, the cooperative has been busy making modifications to compensate for the railway and other heavy traffic that is anticipated when the operation reaches full capacity.

Erin Halley, Vice-President of Engineering at Wayne-White has been involved with the reconfiguration since the start. "The size and scope of the Soylutions-FS Wabash Valley plant has required us to make significant upgrades and underground installations during the past six months," Halley says. "It is all



*Wayne-White linemen replace an old wooden pole with a new steel pole that will remain sound for 50 years.*



*The new storage building is nearly completed.*



*Erin Halley plans the electric repairs before they take place.*



*Dave Johnson pauses by his truck near the facility's silos.*

part of being a full-service electric cooperative for the communities we serve."



## Wayne-White receives two awards at state conference

**W**ayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative received two safety honors recently during the Safety/Supervisory Technical Conference held in Springfield. The member-owned electric cooperative received

the awards for “best lost-time accident record” and “best accident/illness record.” The awards are given to cooperatives with outstanding “no lost time” and “accident/illness” safety records for 2003. The conference is sponsored annually by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives

(AIEC). From left are Vice President of Engineering Erin Halley, Journeyman-Lineman Kerry Merritt, Lead Lineman Gerry Kinney, AIEC Manager of Safety Roger Larkin, Lead Lineman David Bailey and Vice President of Operations Jerry White.

## Older Home With Old Wiring Puts You At Risk

**A**n estimated 50 million homes have outdated or inadequate wiring, increasing the risk of fire or electrical accidents.

If you have an older house with older wiring, how do you know if repairs are necessary?

How extensive and costly can such repairs be?

Electrical systems age and can become overloaded, particularly in older homes. Over the years as more lighting, appliances, and equipment are added, the electrical system becomes overburdened, and problems can develop.

If fuses blow or circuit breakers protecting branch circuits trip frequently, new branch circuits or other repairs may be necessary. Depending on the condition of the equipment and the extent of the repairs, the cost may be nominal or could run into several thousand dollars. It is recommended that you have the wiring in your home inspected regularly, at least every 10 years. A qualified licensed electrician can determine if repairs are necessary and can estimate the cost.

## Wayne-White Sponsors “Coffee on the Coop”

**F**or the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, the Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative conducted a series of informal gatherings, known as “Coffee on the Coop,” at seven different cafes located throughout the cooperative’s service territory.

It’s a unique way to meet local members and discuss their concerns and answer questions about services provided by the cooperative.

Each “Coffee on the Coop” included a staff member and board member on location to meet with interested members.



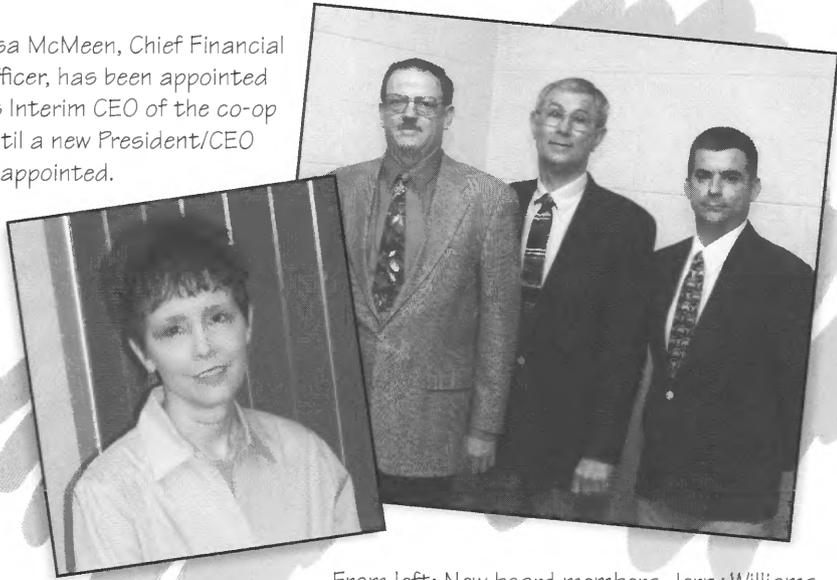
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## Annual Meeting Summary

Lisa McMeen, Chief Financial Officer, has been appointed as Interim CEO of the co-op until a new President/CEO is appointed.



From left: New board members Jerry Williams, Dale Harris, and Andy Glover were elected by the membership at this year's annual meeting.

**T**he 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative was held on Friday, April 1, at Carmi-White County High School. Members enjoyed a delicious pork chop dinner in the cafeteria prior to the business meeting. Food was catered by Max Weaver's Big Boy Bar-B-Que. Entertainment was provided in the gymnasium by Larry Hobbs on the piano. There were also a number

of informational booths on display, with information about geothermal energy, water heaters, electric heaters, Air-Evac Lifeteam, as well as the vegetation management and member services departments of the cooperative. There were also a number of door prizes given away. More than 1,200 people (579 registered members) were in attendance at the annual meeting. The cooperative currently serves 13,490 consumer members with electricity, along



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3,324 miles of energized line in parts of 11 counties.

Two outgoing members of the board of directors were recognized with gifts of appreciation for their many years of service to the cooperative. Curtis Endsley and Ed Baumgart, were

recognized by Board Chairman Mike Beehn, during the business meeting. Both have served their four-term limit of 12 total years on the board of directors. New members to the board of directors, elected at the annual meeting include: Jerry Williams, Dale

Harris, and Andy Glover. Williams and Glover were elected to replace Baumgart and Endsley, while Harris defeated incumbent board member Delman Bradshaw during the election process of the business meeting.

Chairman Beehn reported to the membership that 405 new members were signed up during 2004. He also pointed out that the cooperative invested more than \$1.8 million into the infrastructure, while paying long term debt down more than \$1.5 million and without borrowing any new money. Chief Financial Officer Lisa McMeen reported that the cooperative had margins of \$1.27 million in 2004, compared with a loss of more than \$680,000 in 2003. McMeen also pointed out that Wayne White Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of the co-op, generated a profit of \$42,000, the first year of positive margins since Wayne White Services began business in 2000. Despite all the accomplishments and positive reports at the cooperative during 2004, the 579 registered members voted not to approve the cooperative's audited financial report, and voted down three proposed By-law changes that were presented to the membership in the Annual Meeting Notice.

On Thursday, April 7, 2005, Rick Colgan officially announced his resignation as President & CEO of Wayne-White, through a joint press release with the Board of Directors. Lisa McMeen (Wayne-White CFO) was appointed the interim CEO, while a search for a new CEO is conducted.



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# Remembering the 2002 Tornado as a New Season Approaches

It was April 21, 2002. The day started out like a beautiful spring day in Wayne County Illinois. There was sunshine with pleasant temperatures...nothing to indicate what was to come later that Sunday afternoon.

About mid afternoon, a front rolled in, spawning an F3 tornado, which wreaked havoc along a 17-mile path. It churned on the ground beginning just south of Orchardville. It skirted the northern edge of Wayne City and continued parallel to highway 15 as it rumbled east towards the Sims crossroads. Many homes and businesses were destroyed at Sims.

The tornado continued into the southern edge of Fairfield, where the large HB Williamson Company building in the Fairfield industrial park sustained major damage.

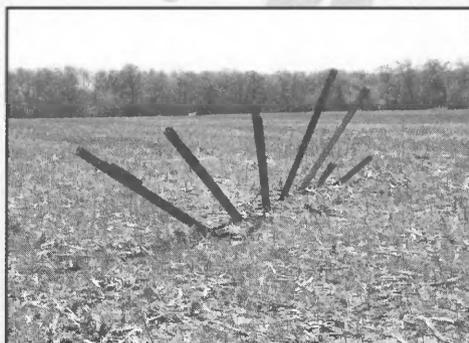
From there, it continued through the south side of Fairfield, leaving a visible path of destruction along Broadway Avenue.

Large mature trees were leveled and debris was dispersed for many miles. Crews from Wayne-White were dispatched immediately to repair downed lines, replace poles, restore power, and aid with the clean-up. Neighboring crews from other cooperatives also provided assistance. Six transmission poles were completely taken out by the 206 mph winds. There was also nearly two miles of three-phase line and close to two miles of single-phase line eliminated by the winds. The storm claimed one life and injured 40 people.

There is still a lot of mystery surrounding the power of a tornado. They often produce some amazing special effects utilizing the objects and buildings within their path. The tornado of 2002 in Wayne County created a unique fan-shaped design of wood planks artistically embedded in the middle of a farm field. It is unclear exactly what structure they were taken from.

The worse tornado to hit southern Illinois occurred 80 years ago on March 18, 1925. Tragically, 695 people lost their lives during a massive F5 tornado that cut across parts of Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. Of those deaths, 242 occurred near Murphysboro. The 219 mile long path of destruction was  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile wide. Parts of White County and Hamilton County were hit by the massive 1925 tornado, which still ranks as one of the worst storms in U.S. history.

As we mark the 3rd Anniversary of the 2002 Wayne County tornado, we would like to remind you to stay alert to weather bulletins and heed any official warnings, if given. A link to LIVE national weather service radar is provided on our newly designed Web site at [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com).



## Office Closing

Our office will be closed Monday, May 30,  
for Memorial Day.

## Wayne-White Installs New Substation Building at Albion

**C**onsumer members who have recently driven past the Albion substation of Wayne-White

Counties Electric Cooperative have probably noticed a new one-piece beige colored building that has been installed. The new building is the first of six similar facilities to be placed at substations throughout the service area.

The new buildings will not only replace deteriorating dog-house buildings that are several years old, but they are also designed to meet the needs of housing new electronic monitoring equipment. The new building at the Albion substation will protect electronic equipment from the elements, while also providing an efficient climate-controlled environment for the new sensitive monitoring gear.



Wayne-White is installing SCADA monitoring equipment and an OCB unit at the Albion substation and other locales. The SCADA system provides engineers at Wayne-White with real-time system monitoring of the voltage and amperage load from every circuit coming out of the Albion substation. The OCB unit (overload circuit breaker) will also be remotely controlled through the new outbuilding.

The new Albion substation building will also house emergency equipment, tools, and 69,000 volt high-side fuses.

## New Web site is Online

**W**ayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that their newly designed Web site is now up and running. The new Web site

has been in development for the past six weeks by Randy Olson in Member Services. The address is the same...but the Web site is all new, and is updated everyday. When you go to [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com) you will find page after page of helpful information about the many products and services offered by Wayne-White, as well as helpful energy tips, bill payment options, tree care guidelines, and a history of

the cooperative. You'll also see lots of useful content updated everyday including national news, sports, weather radar, calendar of events, daily devotion, recipes, and more. There's even FREE classified ads and a game room. [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com) also features weekly articles of interest about topics ranging from finance, senior living, and travel, to automotive, education, lawn and garden, and home improvements. It's like an online magazine. A simple click will also provide you with the latest news and information about "What's new at Wayne-White?" Visit us online today at [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com).

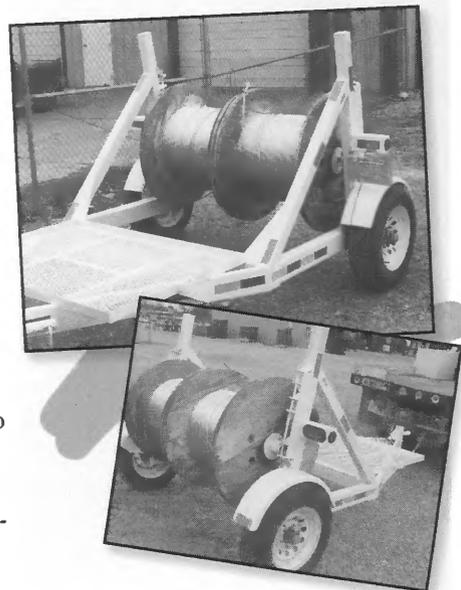
## Versatile New Spool Trailer

**C**rews at Wayne-White have a new labor-saving device that will pay for itself quickly. Officials at the cooperative utilized the

Country Blacksmith, a local consumer member, to help them design and build a new spool trailer that is versatile enough to be used by both the underground crew and the overhead crew at Wayne-White.

The new trailer was patterned after many national designs that cost thousands more to produce. It is lightweight, small, and easy to maneuver, yet the design permits the underground crew to carry a spool of primary and secondary wire, as well as a pad-mount transformer. It saves time and labor when there is a need to switch from one spool to another.

"It is especially handy for reconversion of single-phase projects," says Jerry White, Director of Operations at Wayne-White. "Our crews like it so well, we will probably hire the Country Blacksmith to build us a duplicate trailer. It will pay for itself in no time."



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## Wayne-White WORKS Program Benefits Disaster Relief Trailer

**T**he WORKS program at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative continues to benefit numerous individuals and organizations. WORKS is an acronym that stands for Wayne-White Operation Round-Up Kare and Share program. WORKS is a charitable foundation established by the Board of Directors of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative to give their membership an opportunity to “pool their resources” for charitable purposes.

WORKS is funded each month by members who agree to “round up” their bills to the highest dollar. The difference between their bill and the rounded up amount is contributed to the WORKS foundation. For example, if your electric bill is \$63.47, it would be rounded up to \$64.00, with .53

cents being contributed directly to the WORKS foundation.

A recent beneficiary of WORKS is the Greater Wabash Baptist Association Disaster Relief Trailer. Their quick response trailer serves as a charitable entity itself, providing onsite assistance with clean up after storms, floods, or other disasters. The trailer is equipped with chain saws, generators, power washers, and a group of volunteers to aid those individuals or communities suffering from disasters.

The trailer pictured was obtained in May of 2004. It is one of six similar trailers operated by Illinois Baptist churches and associations across the state. The need was first realized after the 1993 floods along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. The 2002 Wayne

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County tornado put many locals in action to fund and equip the local trailer. Ron Hargrave of Crossville is the Brotherhood Director of the Association. "It really opens up a door of ministry for us," said Hargrave. "We don't expect anything in return,

we just get a blessing out of helping others in need."

The **WORKS** program and Wayne-White provided some equipment and grant money for the local disaster relief trailer.

If you would like to donate, or if you need help in a crisis,

you can call Ron Hargrave at (618) 966-3815. There is no cost for their assistance. For further information about the **WORKS** program at Wayne-White, including grant applications, contact Nancy Wells at (618) 842-2196.

## Quarterly Member Advisory Meeting Attracts 39 People

**A** group of 39 people gathered for the quarterly meeting of the Wayne-White Member Advisory

Committee on Monday, April 18, at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Fairfield. After dinner, attendees enjoyed a demonstration tour of the new Wayne-White website as an effective and accurate information tool. This was followed by an open floor cooperative Q & A session led by Lisa McMeen, Interim CEO. New members of the Board of Directors, as well as new members of the Member Advisory Committee were also recognized at the meeting. Five of the current nine board members attended the meeting. All of the Wayne-White staff members were in attendance.

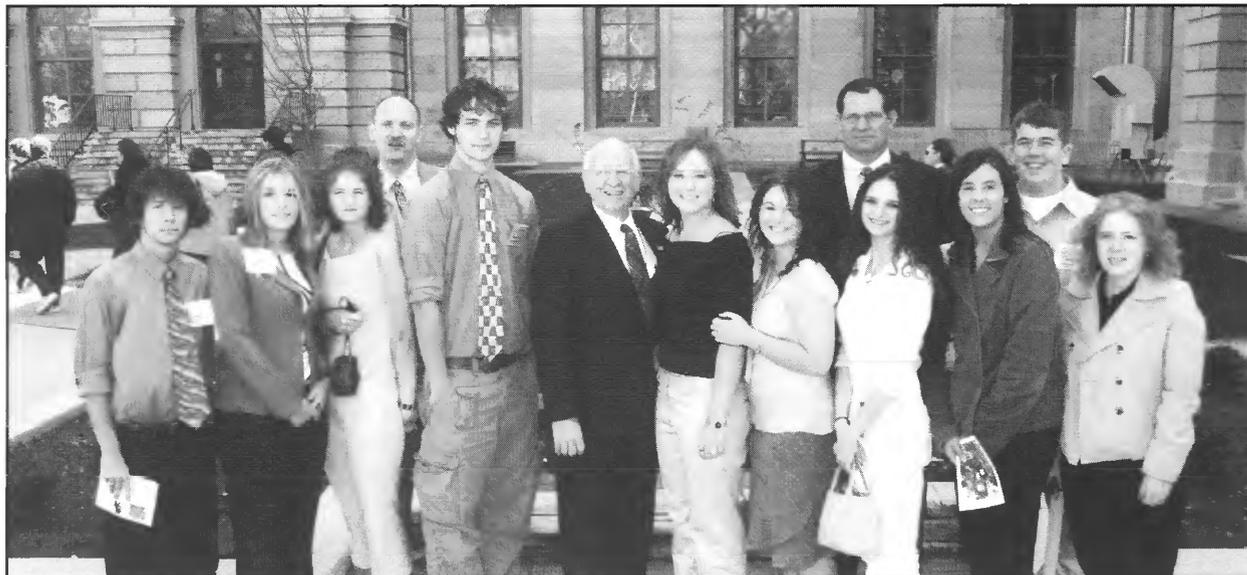
During the Q & A session, there was great dialogue between the staff, advisory members, and board members that were present. Several members openly expressed their concerns about a petition that is circulating to unseat the six remaining members of the board of directors. These members stated that they would like to see experience retained on the board, rather than attempt to operate the cooperative with nine brand new directors. The holdover directors have attended extensive state and national training seminars during their



tenure on the board, which has certified them in a variety of competencies.

Other topics of discussion during the Q & A included the proposed bylaw change regarding RUS vs. FERQ accounting. The language change in this bylaw was voted down at the annual meeting. WWCEC became regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in 1999 with the retirement of the RUS debt. Prior to that time, WWCEC was regulated by Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Further information is available in the FERC Docket ER00-230-000. Advisory Members also expressed a desire to see more channels of communication provided to the membership.

The cooperative has responded with a completely new Web site that has become a major communications tool. The Web site is updated almost daily with current, accurate information. The site already generates over 2,000 hits per day. Many members have made it their start-up homepage. A new FAQ section has been developed on the Web site. Member questions and comments are welcome. It was also suggested that the current bylaws be published on the Web site, which has been done. The Web site address is the same: [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com). The next quarterly meeting of the Member Advisory Committee is July 18.



## Introducing Students to Local Government

**S**enator John O. Jones met with nine students representing Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day on Wednesday, April 13, in Springfield. While in the state capital, students had an opportunity to view state government in action, speak with Secretary of State

Jesse White, and tour the State Capitol, Lincoln's Tomb and the Illinois Supreme Court. From left are Alex Henson of Norris City, Adrienne McKenzie of Norris City, Dianna Woodrow of Enfield, chaperone Randy Olson, Travis Mitchell of Enfield, Senator Jones, Stephanie Littlepage of Norris City, Brooklyn



Wilson of Norris City, chaperone Jerry Houser, Keri Bartley of Norris City, Brittany Hoselton of Clay City, Caleb Dunn of Geff and chaperone Karen Morris. The day was sponsored by the Illinois electric and telephone co-ops and is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government.

## Wayne-White Helps New Hope Students Observe Arbor Day

**E**ighth grade students in Norman Taylor's class at New Hope School received "hands on" experience at planting trees during an Arbor Day activity at the school on Wednesday, April 27.

Jim Gifford, Certified Arborist at Wayne-White, along with representatives from Peters Landscaping, provided information to the students about proper tree care, where to plant, how to plant, and how to choose the right tree. Wayne-White has been recognized nationally as a Tree Line USA utility by the National Arbor Day Foundation for three straight years.

The cooperative donated two sugar maple trees for the planting demonstration at New Hope. Students assisted in digging the holes, preparing the mulch, and adding the initial water and growth stimulator to the trees. The school selected two areas on their grounds where the trees could be safely planted without interfering with power lines or their geothermal energy system. The two sugar maple trees should eventually reach a height of 70-80 feet and will ultimately provide some nice shade on the grounds of the school.

For more information and photographs about proper tree care, tree pruning, vegetation management, and the trade-a-tree program, visit the Wayne-White Web site at [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com) Click on the link to "Vegetation Management."



# Stump Grinding Offered by Wayne-White

**D**uring the spring and summer months, many people remove trees as a result of home remodeling, room additions, or landscape improvements. If you have a stump that needs removal, Wayne-White now offers a stump grinding service through Wayne-White Propane.

The stump grinding service is offered to anyone in the Wayne-White service area, including non-members. The cost is \$2.00 per inch, based upon the diameter of the stump. Wayne-White Propane has offered the stump grinding service for about a year. They are fully-insured. Call 842-3940 to check availability and schedule an appointment. The stump grinder will turn your tree stump into mulch very quickly. Topsoil, and site cleaning are extra.

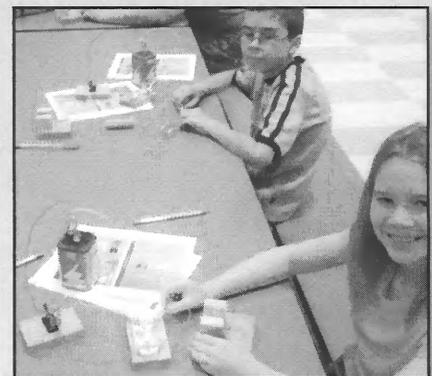


## NCOE Students Learn About Electrical Circuits

**M**embers of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at NCOE Grade School received some "hands-on" instruction and safety tips about electrical circuits on Thursday, April 21 in the school cafeteria. Jerry Houser and Randy Olson of Member Services at Wayne-White, in conjunction with the University of Illinois Extension Office, provided a 45-minute education session for the students. The students were able to build their own basic circuit, series circuit, and simple switch circuit utilizing the direct current materials brought into the class by the cooperative.

The class also learned how to build a simulated motor mechanism, which incorporated magnetism together with the direct current circuit. Every student received printed guides that they could take home to replicate their learning experience with family members. The cooperative also provided Wayne-White rulers and pencils to each student, as well as prizes to the six pairs of students who were able to successfully construct the simulated motor mechanism in the allotted time.

For more information about the electrical circuit education class for schools or youth programs, contact Wayne-White at 842-2196.



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## Is Your Power Meter Really Accurate Or Is Something Wrong?

**W**hen the weather changes to extremes in summer or winter, some members will question the accuracy of their meter. Are you really using all the energy that the meter indicates? More than likely, you are. According to long-time meter testing expert Lowell Kerans, meters that are less than 10 years old rarely fail or need calibration unless they have been damaged by lightning or other means.

"I tested meters for about 40 years throughout the Wayne-White service area," says Kerans. "The goal was to test every meter, every six years. Occasionally I would need to recalibrate or change out a meter, but most of the time meters are

quite accurate and dependable. But, there are bad meters out there and I have found them before." Kerans retired from his own meter testing business two years ago. Independent meter testers like Kerans are now dinosaurs in Illinois; there are very few left.

WWCEC offers free energy audits through the member services division of the cooperative. Jerry Houser, Vice-President of Member Services has uncovered many reasons why people see an increase in their energy consumption. "Most of the time, an increase in a customer's energy consumption turns out to be due to weather changes, lifestyle enhancements, defective appliances, poor insulation, drafty windows or doors, or sudden use

of an electrical item not normally utilized," says Houser. "We have found various culprits such as battery chargers, engine block heaters, defective freezers, hot water heaters, space heaters, de-

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humidifiers, heat lamps, window air conditioners, leaking hot water faucets, water pump high pressure switches stuck on, and energized circuits going to ground, that have caused a sudden spike in energy use levels.”

“That doesn’t mean that a meter is never wrong,” says Houser. “There are some in-house checks that we make on your meter accuracy during an energy audit, and if customers still believe that their meter is the culprit, we can arrange for the meter to be tested by a certified professional tester for a small fee of \$15,” Houser adds. “After the testing, if the meter turns out to be faulty, Wayne-White will pay the meter testing fee and make appropriate adjustments to the member’s bill.”

Professional meter testers like Lowell Kerans work on behalf of cooperatives. They carry a complete mobile testing lab in their vans. “We used to have to carry all our testing gear on our back,” says Kerans, “but the convenience of operating and testing from inside a van made testing much easier.” Kerans also noted

that the digital age is another major change he observed during his career.

He worked for Electric Lab out of Mattoon for 14 years before going into business for himself as a meter tester. Before retirement, he provided his expert services to four other cooperatives in addition to WWCEC during a 40-year tenure. When asked about some of the most unusual experiences he had testing meters, Kerans smiles and reflects upon finding meters in bedrooms and kitchen cabinets of older homes, finding 100 chickens in the front room of a house where a meter was located, and he once opened a meter socket only to be surprised by a black snake.

“The thing I enjoyed most about testing meters was talking to all the people along the way,” says Kerans. “I think I’ve been down just about every country road in the region. I really enjoyed it.” For information about the energy audits offered by WWCEC, call Jerry Houser, VP of Member Services at 842-2196.



*The Vegetation Management Crew at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative participated in the Line Clearance/Tree Trimming School at Eagle Creek State Park in Findlay, Illinois during the week of May 2-6, 2005. Crews from several electric cooperatives and municipalities from throughout Illinois attended the five-day event, which included classroom instruction and practical hands-on experience.*

*Attending the class were L-R: Zach Coston, Clint Harl, Shane Stricklin, David Orr, Lavern Baxter, Jim Gifford, Randall Douglas, and Jim Miles. Gifford is the Manager of the Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Crews at Wayne-White. Stan Garner is not pictured, but also attended.*

# Will You Beat the Heat?

## Improve summer efficiency and safety

**E**nergy use and costs typically rise as the mercury rises. Use these energy- and money-saving measures so you and your home can better weather the summer heat and humidity.

### Air Conditioning

A substantial portion of total residential energy costs is spent cooling homes. Reduce energy costs and ready the air conditioner with a cleaning and tune-up. Clean or change filters monthly during the cooling season. An efficiently running cooling system will save dollars. If you're purchasing a new unit, check the efficiency rating, or SEER. The higher the SEER number the more efficient the air conditioner. For greater operating efficiency, install unit in a shady area, and keep free of plant overgrowth and debris.

### Windows

Most of summer heat buildup in homes comes through windows. Simply closing curtains, blinds, and shades can reduce this heat gain by up to 40 percent, and save big dollars in cooling costs. Installing awnings or shutters over windows exposed to direct sunlight can reduce indoor heat gain by up to 70 percent. Outdoor landscaping that includes shade trees and insulating foundation plants can also reduce energy costs.

### Attics

Ventilate the attic and check insulation. Adequately sized vents and/or an attic fan can help keep hot air from building up. If your attic has less than 6 to 8 inches of insulation, consider adding more. Proper attic insulation can save up to 30 percent of your cooling bill.

Be sure the insulation doesn't block vents or cover exhaust fans.

### Fans

Another inexpensive way to keep cool and reduce air conditioning costs is to use ceiling and oscillating fans to create a "wind chill" effect. The moving air makes the temperature feel cooler, and allows a higher air conditioner thermostat setting while maintaining cooling comfort. For each 1-degree increase in the thermostat setting, cooling costs can be trimmed by about 3 percent

### Keeping Cool

Follow these operating tips for greater energy efficiency and reduction in air conditioning costs:

- Install a timer or programmable thermostat to raise and lower the temperature automatically. Leave it on a higher temperature while you're away, and set it to cool the house half an hour before you return home.
- Turn off unnecessary lights and television sets you're not watching. Don't leave computers on when not in use.
- Make sure heat-producing appliances like televisions and lamps are away from the thermostat. They will raise the temperature at the thermostat and cause the air conditioner to run when it is not needed.
- Plan to do hot work—washing and drying clothes, cooking and baking—during cooler morning and evening hours.
- Keep your kitchen cooler by cooking in a microwave oven, or grill outdoors.

For more information and tips to help cut costs and improve home safety, visit [www.SafeElectricity.org](http://www.SafeElectricity.org).



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Adam & Jo Anna Allen, Flora  
 Robert & Sarah Arview, Fairfield  
 Sandra & Dallas Barbre, Fairfield  
 Janeen Belmont, Bluford  
 Nathan A. Birkner, McLeansboro  
 Darla Borah, Barnhill  
 Boyleston Waterworks Corp, Fairfield  
 Daniel J. Browning, McLeansboro  
 Mark N. Bunting, Albion  
 Cindy J. Campbell, Dahlgren  
 Ashley C. Clark, Sims  
 Howard Craft, Norris City  
 Anthony & Pamela Dick, Mt. Vernon, IN  
 Norman Eckleberry, Fairfield  
 Frito-Lay Inc., Spokane, WA  
 Global Tower LLC, Boca Raton, FL  
 Joshua R. Haile, McLeansboro  
 Josh Healey, Carmi  
 Deborah Henderson, Dahlgren  
 Leanna S. Hufford, Wayne City

Alex Jines, McLeansboro  
 Timothy R. Jordan, Springerton  
 John Locey, Wayne City  
 Christina & Jessie LaRoe, Wayne City  
 Joshua Lowery, Fairfield  
 Joe McKitrick, Fairfield  
 Alicia & Aaron Martin, Crossville  
 Carolyn Mattingly, Xenia  
 Chris Moffitt, Belle Rive  
 David K. Moore, Norris City  
 Freda B. Musgrave, Fairfield  
 William Odom, Crossville  
 Oelze Equipment Co., Nashville, IL  
 Angela Penrod, Geff  
 Wanda Pentecost, Albion  
 Arnold Poore, McLeansboro  
 Amy & Stephen Purkes, Sims  
 Kimberly Robson, Geff  
 William & Beverly Rush, Barnhill  
 Jason & Rebecca Rutledge, Mt. Vernon, IN

Saline Valley Conservative Dist., Eldorado  
 Brooke H. Savage, McLeansboro  
 Linda Scheriger, Wayne City  
 Amanda & Timothy Scott, Fairfield  
 Jeffery S. Scoville, Wayne City  
 Eric & Karen Seals, Noble  
 Steven P. Sessions, St. Louis, MO  
 Scott & Dallabee Shyrock, Noble  
 Chalen Slankard, Fairfield  
 Allen & Trena Spangler, McLeansboro  
 Shane & Angie Stricklin, McLeansboro  
 Walter J. Tidwell, Carmi  
 Josh VanMatre, Noble  
 Kenneth Dale Vaughn, Cisne  
 Doug Waggoner, Iuka  
 Sheryl Walker, Fairfield  
 Williams Oil Properties, Inc., Carmi  
 Michael Winter, Springerton  
 Crystal Wissel, Albion  
 Barbara & Earl Young, Fairfield

## Please Don't Attach Items To Our Power Poles

**W**orking on power lines can be a dangerous job. In order to ensure reliable service, lineworkers must climb up and down power poles in all kinds of weather, day and night. The job is made even more hazardous if people put satellite dishes, birdfeeders, signs, posters, nails, or heavy staples on power poles. This may seem harmless but can become a nightmare for lineworkers.

The WWCEC linemen wear protective clothing and gloves to prevent electric shock. Sharp protruding nails can tear this protective equipment, and result in injury. Workers also have special boots and climbing hooks to allow them to get up the pole and inspect or make repairs to lines. If these hooks hit metal, they may be deflected, causing the lineworker to fall. If they have to maneuver around satellite dishes or birdfeeders, the risk of falling is also increased. A downed power line could also come in contact with the metal components of a satellite dish, causing damage to the owner's satellite system and television. It's an accident waiting to happen, but it can be prevented with your cooperation. Lineworkers are on the job to assure you quality, efficient, dependable electric service. Show them you care. Don't use our power poles for signs, posters, satellite dishes, or birdfeeders.



# Membership Elects Four New Board Members

**D**uring a special membership meeting on Friday, June 17, at Wayne County Fairgrounds, four Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative members were elected to fill the four vacant seats on the Board of Directors, created through recent resignations. The four new board members are Noel Edmison representing District #9, Larry Hosselton representing District #1, Jack Kelsey representing District #4, and Marion McDowell representing District #7. The four were nominated from the floor at the special meeting, and were unopposed, as no other members were nominated to fill the vacant seats from the 205 registered voting members that were in attendance. As a result, paper ballots were not needed and the meeting was concluded in just 33 minutes.

The four new board members join five other current board members Steve Becker, Dale Harris, Jerry

Williams, Danny Rose, and Andy Glover. "The members have selected an experienced and respected group of directors to conduct cooperative business through the coming years," said Lisa McMeen, Interim CEO. "We look forward to working with the newly selected directors." At the regular monthly meeting on June 23, the following officers were seated: The board has selected Andy Glover of Mt. Erie to serve as the new Chairman, while Marion McDowell of McLeansboro has been chosen to serve as the new Treasurer. Danny Rose will continue to serve as Secretary of the board, while Steve Becker will continue in his role as Vice-Chairman. The board has hired the accounting firm of BKD from Evansville, Indiana to conduct a forensic audit of the cooperative finances. The board has also formed a search committee to begin the process of searching for a new CEO at the cooperative.



*New board members seated from left are Edmison, Hosselton, Kelsey, and McDowell. Existing board members standing from left are Becker, Harris, Williams, Rose, and Glover.*

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# Large Reactor Components Pass Through Our Area

“Law enforcement did a great job of controlling the public and keeping everyone safe.”

**W**hat has 24 axles, 256 tires, weighs more than 675,000 pounds, reaches a height of 20-feet-4-inches and a width of 20-feet-6-inches and moves at an average speed of 15 mph? No, it's not something from a science fiction movie. It's a specially designed trailer hauling major components of a reactor through portions of the Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative service area in southern Illinois.

The reactor, which originated in Italy, was loaded onto the trailer at BWX in Mount Vernon, Indiana for transport along roadways to a final destination at the Marathon/Ashland plant in Robin-

son. It will be used to make low-sulfur diesel fuel. Planning for the transportation project was a “logistical nightmare.”

Mammoet USA, Inc. in Rosharon, Texas had the contract duties to transport the reactor by road to Robinson. Brandon Bryan, Permits Coordinator said it was the only way to get from point A to point B. “Mammoet looked into shipping this piece by barge but there is no feasible waterway to the destination,” said Bryan. “The piece is also too large to be transported by rail.”

It took about eight hours to prepare the load to cross the I-64 Wabash River bridge at Grayville, as large 2-inch steel plates were placed strategically along the bridge for additional support. It took more than an hour for the 187-foot long rig to actually cross the bridge

As the rig moved north along Highway 130 through Grayville and Albion towards Olney, the payload required tremendous coordination with work crews and bucket trucks from Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Ameren IP, Verizon Telephone, Charter Cable, and city utilities due to the 20-foot 4-inch height. Many lines had to be raised or removed to allow passage of the huge unit. Wayne-White dispatched three trucks with five linemen who leap-frogged from line to line along the path to provide a clear and safe route. “The rig spent about five hours in our service territory on Monday before we handed off responsibility to Norris Electric Cooperative in their service area,” said Jerry White, Director of Operations at Wayne-White. “Law enforcement did a great job of controlling the public and keeping everyone safe.”

Linemen from Wayne-White Electric who provided assistance with power lines along the route included Kerry Merrit, Mike Richardson, Jason McKinney, Gerry Kinney, and Dave Cunningham. Engineers Erin Halley and Chris Hopfinger did most of the logistical pre-planning on behalf of the cooperative.



# New Edwards County Ambulance Service Is Up and Running

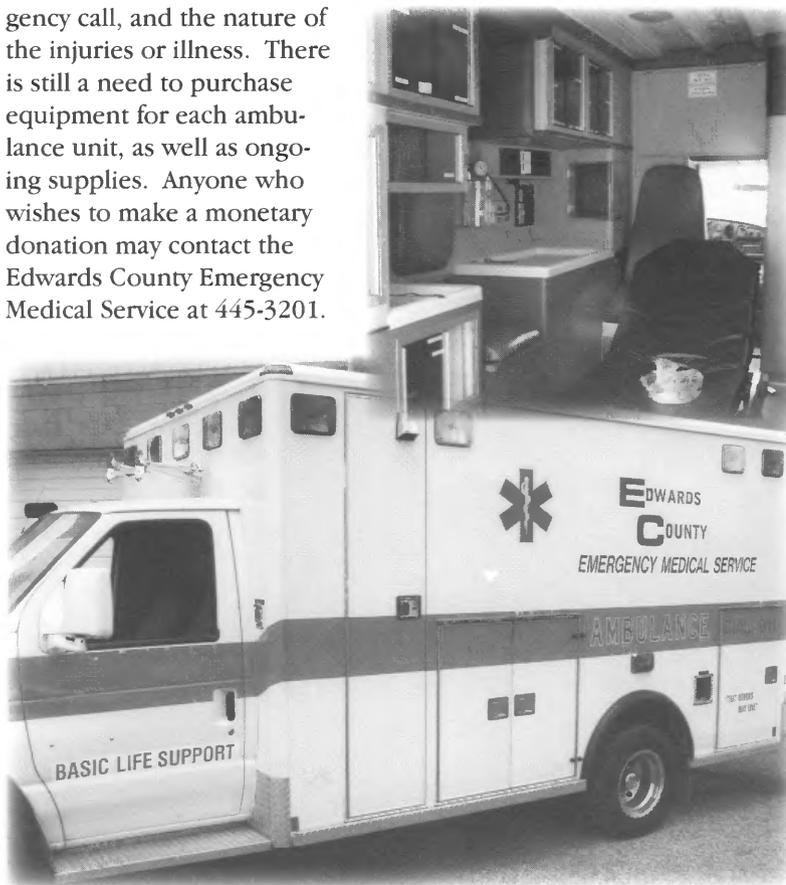
**R**esidents of Edwards County have been without a full-time ambulance service for about a year and a half. That problem has recently been solved thanks to \$180,000 in seed money provided by officials at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative in Fairfield. The money has been loaned to the Edwards County Emergency Medical Service at a special low rate of 3 percent. The money is actually provided through the Illinois Rural Development Revolving Loan Fund.

“Work to secure a new ambulance service for Edwards County began in August 2004,” said Tom Hortin, County Commissioner and EMT Director. “We got it on the November ballot, and the public voted nearly 2-1 in support of the tax subsidy to aid the effort.” Despite the election results, the county still needed lots of funding to get the ambulance project off the ground. “That’s where Wayne-White Electric stepped in and offered to help,” said Skip Hamilton, President of the EMT Board of Directors. “We are extremely grateful for their assistance in obtaining this funding.”

The county was able to utilize the funds to purchase two identical 2001 pre-owned ambulance vehicles from Heartland in Mt. Vernon. Both of the E-450 units were used previously in North Carolina, and have just 70,000 miles on them. They look brand new. Unit 1 is assigned to Albion, while Unit 2 is assigned to West Salem. There are currently 12 licensed and trained EMTs to provide the medical manpower for the ambulance units. Michelle Kocher is the Administrator for the ambulance service. The county hopes to license and train another 24 EMTs in the future and eventually add two more ambulance units for the Grayville area.

The ambulance service can transport individuals to nearby hospitals in Olney, Fairfield, or Mt. Carmel, depending on the location of the emer-

gency call, and the nature of the injuries or illness. There is still a need to purchase equipment for each ambulance unit, as well as ongoing supplies. Anyone who wishes to make a monetary donation may contact the Edwards County Emergency Medical Service at 445-3201.



*Jerald Houser, VP of Member Services, presented the check to the Edwards County Emergency Medical Service. Pictured with Houser in front of one of the ambulance units are L-R: Gene Seals, EMT Director; Michelle Kocher, Ambulance Service Administrator; Skip Hamilton, President EMT Board of Directors; Houser; Gene Copeland, EMT Director; and Tom Hortin, EMT Director.*

## Maintenance Issues Solved In Orchardville and Albion Areas

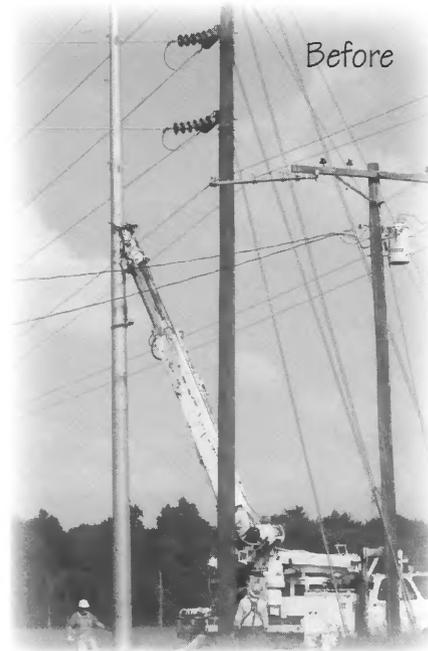


Before

**A** recently planned outage announced in the Orchardville area has resulted in improved service and less maintenance needs in that portion of our service area as depicted by these before and after photos. The badly bowed-back pole (at left) was creating a lot of stress on the lines. It was replaced by a “recycled” wooden pole (bottom left) that was salvaged from the lengthy steel pole installation that was done from Wayne City to McLeansboro. The cooperative saved significant money by utilizing the “recycled” wooden pole while solving a maintenance issue.



After



Before



After

At the Albion Substation, a new steel pole and 69KV switch was recently installed. The existing wooden pole (above left) tested bad, and there were also ongoing maintenance concerns that were solved with the installation of the new switch system. The completed project is pictured (above right).

## Welcome New Members

Charles D. Allison, Rinard  
 Arrington Township, Fairfield  
 Christopher & Jerri Ballard, Fairfield  
 Hytham & Rima Beck, Fairfield  
 Cornerstone Gas Mart, Geff  
 Christopher & Stephanie Budde, Enfield  
 Tom & Marilyn Cahill, Centralia  
 Carter Farms Inc., Mill Shoals  
 Destiny Dowden, Crossville  
 Michael Dye, Fairfield  
 Joseph Easley, Bluford  
 Robert Faulkner, Crossville  
 Sam Greathouse, West Salem

Justin Hall, McLeansboro  
 Jerry & Mary Harris, Cherokee Village, AR  
 Larry & Judy Henshaw, Norris City  
 David Hutchcraft, Clay City  
 John Hyatt Jr., Springerton  
 Joseph & Amanda Hylton, McLeansboro  
 Robert & Karen Jackson, Bluford  
 Denise Jensen, Wayne City  
 James & Margaret Kukuk, Omaha  
 David & Tonya Link, Fairfield  
 Melissa Matthews, Wayne City  
 Aaron Morse, Mt. Erie

William Mourey, Bluford  
 Edward & Michele Newman, Carmi  
 Cheryl Patton, Fairfield  
 Lora Pepplewell, Wayne City  
 Josephine Rahn, Mill Shoals  
 Justin Rivard, Sims  
 Jesse Rodgers, Norris City  
 Shelby Ross Sanders, Sims  
 Alicia Shelton, Springerton  
 Timothy R. Smith, Fairfield  
 Donna Sweeney, Wayne City  
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*These three Wayne-White employees came in on short notice on a Sunday morning to help prepare the vehicles and linemen for their trip to southern Alabama. Pictured L-R: Jeff Zurliene, Earl Young, and Joe McKittrick. Zurliene is a warehouseman for the cooperative, while Young and McKittrick are the mechanics.*

## Wayne-White Linemen Assist Hurricane Victims

**S**ix linemen from Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative recently returned to Fairfield from southern Alabama after providing assistance and restoring electricity to many people during the aftermath of Hurricane Dennis. They are pictured above in casual attire prior to their departure to the storm-damaged region. Pictured L-R: Jason Atteberry, Lindy Simpson, Lee Johnson, David Vaughn, Chad Hinkle, and Carl McKibben.

The devastation caused by the hurricane left several thousand homes and businesses without elec-

tricity in that region. The six Wayne-White linemen traveled in three cooperative trucks to the region and worked nearly around the clock for four full days to assist electric cooperative crews from Southern Pines Electric Cooperative in Brewton, Alabama, who were overwhelmed as a result of the storm.

Wayne-White is among a number of electric cooperatives that have sent personnel and equipment to the hurricane damaged area. Cooperation among Cooperatives is one of the seven principles that electric cooperatives like Wayne-White and Southern Pines operate under each day.

# Look for that UL Label

By Laura Camper

**T**hink of all the electrical appliances you have in your home: toaster, microwave oven, bread machine, can opener, food processor, garbage disposal, dishwasher, refrigerator, coffee maker - and that is just in the kitchen. It would be nice to know that all these products will operate for years safely and effectively, but how can you tell?

The first thing to look for is the Underwriters Laboratories label. The UL label, the letters UL inside a circle, means the product has undergone testing to ensure safety and reliability. The label can be found attached to the power cord or often stamped onto the body of the appliance.

Underwriters Laboratories, Incorporated, an independent, not-for-profit organization, has been testing products since 1894 in order to ensure the public's safety and has developed more than 800 safety standards.

While the UL standards are not mandated by the government, John Drengenberg, Consumer Affairs

Manager of Underwriters Laboratories, says if they are not met the manufacturer will not be able to display the UL label on its product and most retailers won't stock a product without the UL label.

UL representatives make visits to manufacturers to check samples of their product and make sure they meet the safety standards of the UL. Drengenberg says, "We test for various safety hazards. We look for fire hazards, electrical shock hazards, mechanical hazards such as sharp edges, and even radiation hazards (in microwave ovens)."

The UL tests for normal use and abnormal abuse of products. For instance, one of the basic tests is to drop a hair dryer several times to see if it will break open and expose live wires that could injure the consumer.

Even after a product has been certified safe, UL representatives continue random checks to make sure it is still a safe, reliable product. If the product fails to meet safety standards later, the UL label will be removed unless the manufacturer corrects the problem.



UL tests 19,000 categories of products such as hairdryers, vacuum cleaners, and televisions. Occasionally, representatives come across a category of products that does not meet UL's minimum

safety requirements. One such product category is the turkey fryer. In these cases, the UL uses the media to get the word out. Information has been sent out in press releases and published on the UL Web site explaining the hazards of using a turkey fryer and why the UL mark is not on these products at this time. Drengenberg says, "However, there are very, very few products that we have that situation with."

UL has laboratories all over the world, including one in Northbrook, Ill and tests products internationally. The corporate mission is to ensure that safe products reach the consumer. So if you're looking for safe and reliable products, look for that UL label.

If you would like more information about recalls, safety standards, and consumer safety tips, visit the UL Web site at [www.ul.com/](http://www.ul.com/) and click on the Consumers tab.



## Wayne-White Employee Spotlight



**Fred Puckett** is a work order coordinator at WWCEC, where he has been employed for six years. He works

closely with the staking engineering and operations departments to coordinate various work order needs. Prior to WWCEC, Fred spent 13 years at Airtex, where he was Senior Production Planner for electric fuel pumps. He grew up in Fairfield and attended Wabash Valley College, majoring in telecommunications and electronics. He and his wife Marcia have been married for 17 years; they have a two-year-old son Max, and are cur-

rently trying to adopt again.

Fred enjoys fishing and golfing in his spare time, and has worked closely with co-employee Joe Holman in remodeling and adding on to both of their homes. His favorite places to vacation have been Mt. Rushmore, the Biltmore Estate in South Carolina, and Hawaii.



**Wesley Clark** is the custodian at WWCEC where he handles a variety of responsibilities in maintaining the facilities and grounds, while keeping everything clean. He also assists other departments, where needed. Wes grew up in Fairfield and attended

FCFS. Prior to WWCEC, he worked in construction for 19 years.

His wife Rhonda (Koontz) Clark is employed as a technology coordinator for the local school district. They have one child, Marcie, who is three years old, and are expecting another child in September. Wes' daughter Ashley and granddaughter Jalyn reside in Fairfield, where Ashley is enrolled in the Frontier Nursing program. His 17-year-old son Tyler is a senior at FCFS. Wes is very active in his church, where he plays guitar and enjoys working with the youth group. His favorite vacation spots have been Cali, Columbia, and South America.

**B**eginning this month in the BICL, we will feature two or three cooperative employees each month in a special employee spotlight feature.

# New Web site Now Includes Area Business Directory

**T**he Member Services department at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative has developed a special **Area Business Directory** on the Wayne-White Web site, which allows businesses, churches, and organizations to promote their products or services with a low-cost annual listing on the busy Wayne-White Web site. Each business directory listing can include photos, a map locator, e-mail links, Web site links, and a complete description for each business or organization. The annual cost to be featured in the business directory is just \$35 for members, and \$50 for non-members. There are a variety of categories provided, and we can always create new categories if needed. You can view the business directory on our Web site at [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com).

The Wayne-White Web site averages more than 2,000 hits

per day, and currently has an AL-EXA ranking of 194,012, which means the site receives more traffic than any area newspaper site, chamber site, realtor site, or radio station site. According to Jerry Houser, Manager of Member Services, this can be a great way for businesses, churches, and organizations to get low-cost exposure on the internet. "We think it is a value-added service that we can offer on behalf of members as well as non-members. They can benefit from our heavy traffic and reach beyond the borders of our community."

The Web site not only includes information about the cooperative, but also features news, sports, weather radar, free classified ads, feature stories, and other content that is updated each weekday. To include your business in the new Area Business Directory, contact Web master Randy Olson in Member Services at 842-2196.



- Arthur Barger, Macedonia
- Brian Boatner, Mt. Erie
- Tony & Marissa Calverley, Bone Gap
- Steven Churchwell, Springerton, IL
- William & Ladine Davis, Sims
- Seth & Meghan Fearn, West Salem
- Donald P. Ferguson, Sims
- Monica Fischer, Enfield
- Geolog Well Services, Wayne City
- Leslie Hayes, West Salem
- Dale & Paula Holcomb, Manhattan
- Kerri & Robert Hosick, Mill Shoals
- Samantha Hunsinger, Fairfield
- Brian & Sarah Keck, Cisne
- Mark & Jennifer Leatham, Norris City
- Larry J. Ligon, Fairfield
- Kris Loker, Keenes
- Jerry L. McDowell, Fairfield
- Jacob McWhirter, Crossville
- Eugene W. Meurer, Belleville
- Bertha Oshia, Johnsonville
- Megan Parker, Dahlgren
- Rebecca A. Perry, Fairfield
- Todd E. Price, Albion
- Tim Rice, Albion
- William & Mary Richardson, Burnt Prarie
- Sawdust Workshop, Albion
- Heidi Scott, Xenia
- Vickie A. Shaw, Albion
- Thomas & Lisa Simpson, Rinard
- Larry Stanford, Geff
- Marsha & Dexter Tannahill, Fairfield
- Christopher Walters, Sims
- Justin Weber, Fairfield
- Dawn Wilkerson, Fairfield
- John & Bridget Woodall, Albion

## Need a Security Light?

**M**embers of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative can enjoy the added security of light around their homes, barns, and sheds at night with a high pressure sodium security light installed and maintained for just **\$7.30 a month**. WWCEC switched from mercury vapor to high pressure sodium a few years ago, due to safety and disposal issues. We provide professional installation and maintenance year round. Please allow one to two weeks for installation. These lights are perfect for home, farm, and business use. If you have special application needs such as a

large parking lot or commercial environment, please call our engineering department at (618) 842-2196.



## New Interim CEO Introduced To Cooperative Employees

**E**mployees of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative were introduced to their new interim CEO on August 2 at the Fairfield headquarters. Joe Fellin, retired President/CEO of Monroe County Electric Co-Operative in Waterloo, Ill., will oversee cooperative business matters on a week-to-week basis until further notice.

After serving two years in the Army, Fellin began his electric cooperative career at M.J.M Electric Cooperative in Carlinville, Ill., where he began as a Work Order Clerk and progressed into the Office Manager position. In 1968, he began a six-year stint at Black River Electric Cooperative in Fredericktown, Mo., where he

became the Staff Assistant to the manager of the cooperative before taking a position as General Manager/CEO at Howard Electric Cooperative in Fayette, Mo. from 1974-1978. Fellin then served as President/CEO of Monroe County Electric Co-Operative from 1978 to 2002.

He and his wife Jan have been married for 44 years. They have two daughters, Jacqueline and Jody, as well as two grandchildren. Fellin is an avid fisherman, and enjoys traveling and spending time with his grandchildren.

Fellin replaces Lisa McMeen in the interim CEO role at Wayne-White. McMeen is resuming her duties as the Chief Financial Officer. Fellin is on duty at the Fairfield office three days a



week during the interim period. Meanwhile, a search continues for a permanent CEO. The board is combing through 12 resumes for the full-time CEO position, and hope to narrow their search soon to a few desirable applicants to interview for the position.

### Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative Offers



## Marathon<sup>®</sup> WATER HEATERS

You asked and we listened. After several requests, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative proudly offers the Marathon water heater.

### Why Marathon?

Because we believe, if you want your water heater to give you years of service, you must get one that will stand the test of time.

Marathon offers a life-time no-leak warranty, guaranteed to last you as long as you own your home. This will save you the future expense of buying a replacement heater and having it installed.

Because it has a plastic tank, the Marathon will not rust or corrode.

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative offers members a \$100 rebate on Marathon Water heaters. You can buy the 50-gallon model for \$380, and the 80-gallon model for \$500. (Price includes the rebate.)

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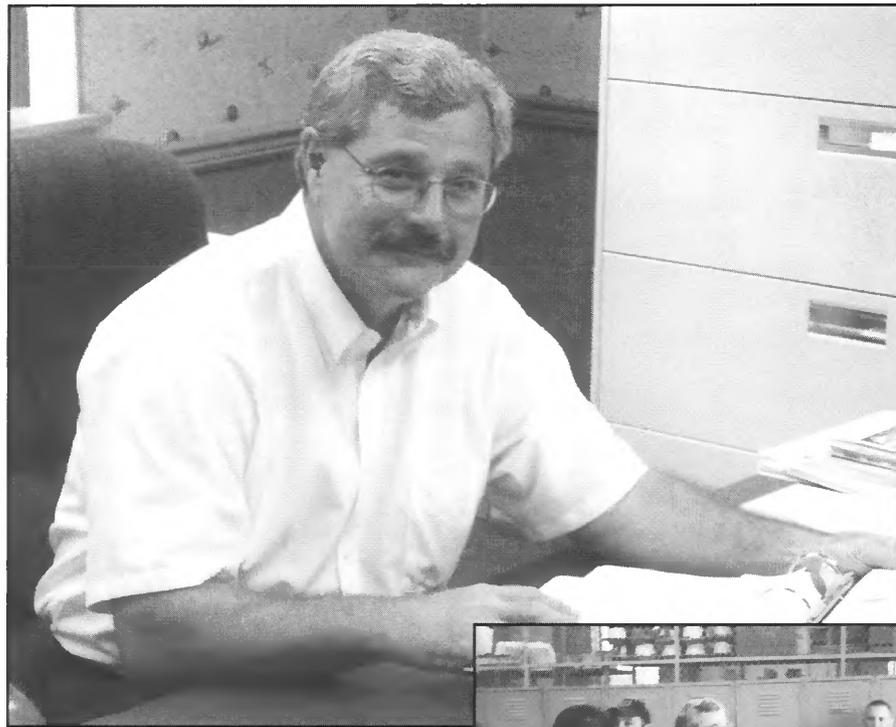


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## Daryl Donjon is New CEO

**D**aryl Donjon comes to Wayne-White with a broad range of valuable experience in the electric cooperative industry. He

has served as CEO at Warren County REMC in Williamsport, Indiana, for more than nine years. Prior to that appointment, he spent 19 years at Monroe County Electric Cooperative in Waterloo, where he began his career as a Work Order Clerk in May 1977. He later became a Staking Engineer and headed up the purchasing and engineering departments at Monroe County. He was promoted to the position of Operations Superintendent in 1985 and continued in that role for 11 years until accepting the position as CEO at Warren County, Indiana in June 1996.

During his 19-year tenure at Monroe County Electric he served under the leadership of CEO Joe Fellin. Fellin has been interim CEO at Wayne-White. Donjon has a lot of respect for Fellin, shares many of the same beliefs, and considers Fellin as his mentor. Ironically,



after spending nine years as CEO at Warren County, Indiana, Donjon will now cross paths with Fellin at Wayne-White. Fellin could remain on duty until mid-October if needed, to assist in the transition process.

Donjon and his wife, Sandy, look forward to returning to the southern Illinois area. Donjon has three children from a previous marriage. His son Brett, 20, is a Junior at Valparaiso University majoring in Electrical Engineering. His oldest daughter Heather, 24, is a Registered Nurse at St. Louis Children's Hospital. His youngest daughter Allison, 14, is a Sophomore at Bishop DuBourg High School in St. Louis.

Donjon appreciates the faith that has been placed in him by the Board of Directors at Wayne-White, and is grateful for the opportunity to serve as the new CEO of your electric cooperative.

# Wayne-White Co-Sponsors Visit by Touchstone Energy® Balloon

The Touchstone Energy balloon is becoming a regular staple at the Annual Centralia Balloonfest. The Illinois Electric Cooperatives, including Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, sponsor the balloon during its annual visit to southern Illinois. A large crowd was in attendance as the beautiful multi-color balloon, with the familiar joined hands Touchstone Energy logo, lifted off early Saturday morning, August 20, near Foundation Park in Centralia.

Pilot Cheri White of Austin, Texas is a very accomplished flyer, with more than 20 years ballooning experience and more than 1,000 pilot hours. Her accolades include winning the 1999 Women's National Hot Air Balloon Championship. She made her first solo flight at the age of 16, and bought her own balloon at age 19, giving rides to help pay her way through college.

Cheri had some excited passengers aboard the balloon at this year's Centralia Balloonfest. Mike Taake and his 11-year-old daughter Lauren, of Ullin, purchased a ride through Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.

Shane Robinson, a back-up pilot for the balloon, drove the chase vehicle. He was assisted in the lift-off preparations and chase-down by Aaron Ridenour, Manager of Marketing and Business Development at Soyland Power Cooperative; Dale Taake, board member at Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative; and Jerry Houser, Manager of Member Services at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative.

Ridenour is also the president of the Cooperative Balloon Associates (CBA), which is licensed to own and operate the Touchstone Energy balloon programs. The balloon holds 77,000 cubic feet of hot air, stands more



From left are Jerry Houser, Mike Taake, Lauren Taake, Pilot Cheri White, an unidentified neighbor, and Arthur Jacobs.

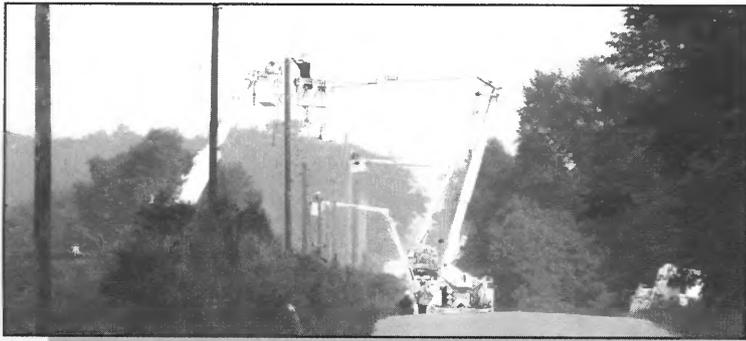
than 75 feet tall and is 60 feet wide when fully inflated. It is fired by dual propane burners and fueled by two 15-gallon propane tanks.

Understanding wind currents and speed is essential when piloting a hot air balloon and winning a competition. At Centralia, pilots were competing to hit a target with beanbags, and drop a flotation device in a nearby lake. After the initial pilot's meeting, pilots fanned out in all directions to find their location of choice from which to launch. "Cheri released some small helium test balloons and watched them through a special device to determine wind speed and direction," said Houser. "Then we jumped in the van and drove quickly to

a launch site; the balloon was in the air within 10 minutes."

The chase crew stayed in pursuit until the balloon completed its trip, landing in the yard of Betty and Arthur Jacobs, north of Green Street Road. The couple received a certificate, which went into a prize drawing along with other residents who cooperated with balloonists as they searched out landing sites.

Touchstone Energy is an alliance of more than 600 local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives in 44 states, delivering high standards of service, power, and energy solutions to more than 17 million member owners across the nation. Wayne-White has been a Touchstone Energy partner since June 2001.



## Line Upgrade Completed Near West Salem

**W**ayne-White crews have recently upgraded a two-mile stretch of lines and poles just northwest of West Salem. Some of the original poles and copper line had been in service in that area for many years. Four bucket trucks are

shown installing new lines (top photo) while holes are dug for the installation of new wooden poles (bottom photo).

The upgrade will provide ongoing dependable service to existing customers, and handle the future growth of new homes, which are anticipated in the West Salem area.

## Attention Business Owners:

**H**ave you placed your Business Listing Ad on the busy Wayne-White Web site? Our Web site receives more than 2,000 hits per day and members look at the directory to find businesses and services that they need from throughout our 11-county service area. The cost for Wayne-White member businesses and churches is just \$35 per year, and includes photos, detailed description, map link, e-mail link and Web site link (if applicable). Your business is also featured on the FRONT PAGE



of our Web site in rotation with other businesses and churches. Just call 842-2196 and let us create an Internet presence for you on [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com)

# WELCOME NEW COOPERATIVE MEMBERS



- Mary Regina Artman, Norris City
- Rebecca Barry, Ewing
- Jeremy & Tina Beck, Cisne
- Blake M. Briscoe, Flora
- Ruth Brutcher, West Salem
- John Couch, Fairfield
- Wesley & Brittany Drake, Mcleansboro
- Russell & Christina Drone, McLeansboro
- Charles D. Garner, Crossville
- Drew & Wanda Haley, Carmi
- Sam Hooper, Fairfield
- Horizon Oil Co, Carmi
- Misty & John Kearbey, Wayne City
- William E. Locke, Fairfield
- Stanley & Shirley Mann, Albion
- Michael & Rebekah Mathis, Tremont
- John & Carol Mehalek, Dahlgren
- M. Todd & Robin Nosek, Rinard
- Amanda Oliver, McLeansboro
- Jason Organ, McLeansboro
- Alan & Barbara Pearce, Omaha
- Jamie Schell, Fairfield
- Cythia Schmittler, Grayville
- Clyde Smith, Wayne City
- Ted & Kathy Little, McLeansboro
- Stephen Spurling, Bluford
- Billy VanWinkle, McLeansboro
- Aaron C. Webb, Fairfield
- Robert & Edna Wehmeier, Wayne City
- Dustin Willett, Wayne City
- Chelsea Wood, Wayne City
- Cyndi Wright, Mill Shoals

## Discovery Channel Electricity Education Kits Now Available

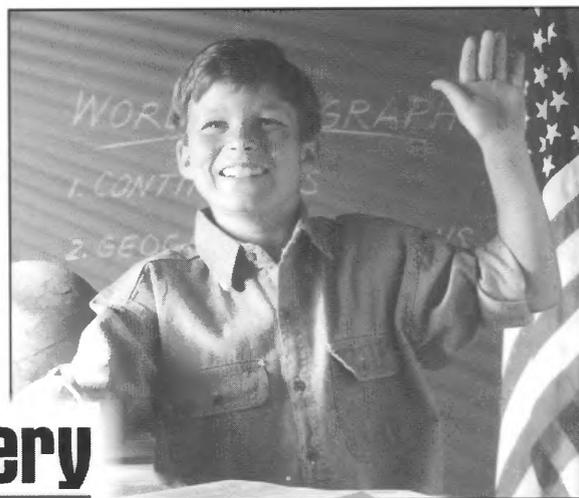
**W**WCEC is partnering with Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives and Discovery Channel School to offer education materials to middle and junior high school students about electricity and electric cooperatives.

This outreach effort, called "Get Charged! Electricity and You," will provide teachers and administrators comprehensive and entertaining lesson plans to teach youngsters in grades 5-8 about electricity, a component of the National Academy of Science's National Science Education Standards (NSES).

"The kits are free to schools in our service area," said Jerry Houser, Member Services Manager at Wayne-White. "By sponsoring this program we can help students receive a quality education on electricity - its be-

ginnings and its importance in today's world, as well as the roles that rural electric cooperatives have played over the years."

The "Get Charged!" kits that WWCEC is offering to schools include:



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a poster, two videos "Understanding: Electricity" and "Touchstone Energy's Our Story", an interactive CD-ROM featuring electricity, a lesson plan book titled "Get Power - The Cooperative Way," 10 student activity books, and

an Electricity Teachers Resource Guide. The activity books can be used individually or by students with a lab partner. The curriculum is designed to provide up to a five-day lesson plan in the science classes of area schools.

For more information about this program, call the Member Services department at WWCEC at 842-2196.

## Wayne-White Employee Spotlight



**Kimberley Rodgers** is a Consumer Accounts Representative at Wayne-White, where she has been employed for 11 ½ years. Prior to joining

the cooperative, Kim worked in the criminal division of the Wayne County Circuit Clerk's office for more than 10 years. She attended Fairfield High School and Wabash Valley College.

Her daily duties include posting payments and meter readings, making adjustments on bills, handling consumer account questions, and making sure that the each month's bills go out as accurate as possible. She has been married for almost 18 years

to Andy Rodgers. They have four children: Kara, 23; Matthew, 12; Joseph, 9; and Eric, 8 months.

Her family is active at First Baptist Church in Fairfield, and likes to attend ballgames where the boys are participating as well as high school sporting events. Their favorite place to vacation is Destin, Florida.



**Nancy Wells** has been a Consumer Accounts Representative at Wayne-White for 7 ½ years. She handles all retirement accounts for capital credits and capital credit allocations. Nancy is also the coordinator for the WORKS program, which provides assistance for

many members. She files all applications, keeps the WORKS board informed, and prepares for their quarterly meetings. Nancy also provides back-up assistance for the cashier, billing, and records departments.

Prior to WWCEC, Nancy worked at Airtex for 6 ½ years. She grew up in Mt. Carmel. She says that her job is enjoyable because of great co-workers. She is married to Len Wells, who is the news director for WFIW Radio and columnist for the Evansville Courier. They have six children and seven grandchildren. She enjoys reading and working in the garden and spending time with her grandchildren. Her favorite vacation spots have been Florida, Arizona, and New Orleans.

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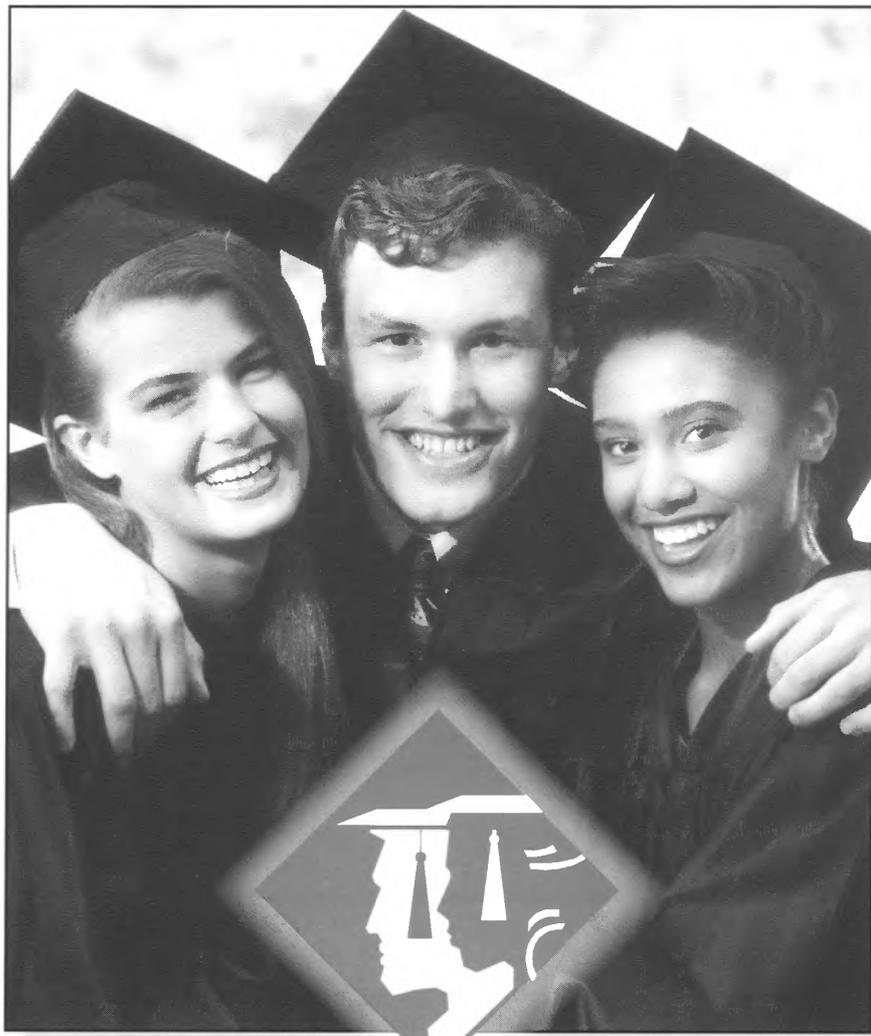


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## Applications for IEC Scholarships Available

**F**ive college scholarships of \$1,250 each are up for grabs during the 2005-2006 Illinois Electric Cooperative Memorial Scholarship Program. Applications are open to any high school senior, and must be submitted by January 1, 2006. Applications and complete rules are available at both the Fairfield and Enfield offices of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, or contact your local high school guidance counselor.

Three scholarships will be awarded to students who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois Electric Cooperative member who is currently receiving services from the cooperative. A fourth scholarship will be awarded to a student who

is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. A fifth scholarship (new for 2006) will be reserved for use at a two-year Illinois community college. Sons and daughters of cooperative members, employees, and directors are eligible.

The scholarship program was established in 1994 by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC). It was designed to provide financial assistance to deserving students in the "electric cooperative family." Scholarships are awarded based upon grade point average, college entrance test scores (ACT or SAT), work and volunteer experience, biographical statement, and a short 500 word essay demonstrating knowledge of electric cooperatives.

# Tankless Electric Water Heaters...The Untold Story

**T**here has been a lot of buzz about tankless (instantaneous) water heaters lately.

In fact, we receive so many inquiries about them at the cooperative that we decided to investigate the validity and value of the product and report our findings to the membership.

Modern tankless water heaters incorporate computer chips, an array of sensors and high-powered inputs. It can be a complicated device with special demand requirements before installation. They are about the size of a briefcase, and the water is heated very rapidly as it flows through a heat-exchange coil, only when the hot water tap is open. Tankless water heaters are sized by flow rate as measured in gallons per minute (GPM). The required size is determined from your highest demand for hot water at any one time. Since most families often require several hot water appliances to operate at the same time, this can be a problem. If you seek to run the dishwasher or washing machine while showering, it may not be possible. If you have more than one shower in operation, it may be a problem.

Water quality is an important issue with tankless heaters. Unless your water is very pure, very few users can expect longevity with this product. Because of the extreme high temperature required to heat the water during the short trip through the heat exchange unit, many minerals precipitate out of the water and deposit on the coils of the unit, shortening its life. This applies to both gas and electric units. Most warranties are voided if water hardness is too high. You may also need to have your wa-

ter analyzed for carbon dioxide, chlorides, copper, iron, and more. Read the warranty to be sure before you buy.



Electrical wiring and service load is another consideration with a tankless water heater. Family sized models require 240 volts and up to 150 amps capacity to operate. This may require an extensive wiring upgrade in your home. These units are not do-it-yourself installations and definitely not fix-it yourself products. That is precisely why

you don't see them sold in the local hardware stores or Wal-Mart. Most tankless units are only sold and serviced by "factory-trained" technicians who carry 60+ page troubleshooting manuals and numerous meters and thermometers with them due to the sensors and electronics onboard. The suggested retail price of a tankless system ranges

from \$600 to \$1,100 depending upon size. Warranties also vary greatly.

Tankless water heaters do offer some advantages in that they are compact, and quite effective in point of use applications. However, their use as the central source of hot water in a residence should be carefully considered. While tankless water heaters may offer some modest energy cost savings over storage water heaters, those minimal gains are at the expense of higher purchase and installation costs, higher maintenance costs, and the potential need for lifestyle changes to accommodate the limited flow rate output of tankless units. Research aside, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative will continue to sell traditional storage tank hot water heaters in a variety of energy efficiency ratings, warranty programs, and price ranges to meet the needs of our membership.

## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS on Wayne-White Web site

**D**o you have some items that are collecting dust around your home, closet, basement, or attic? Why not turn those items into cash and sell the items for FREE on the popular Wayne-White Web site? You can place items to sell, buy, rent, or giveaway under numerous different categories. We can even create a new category for you, if needed. Just go to our Web site at [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com) and click on Classified Ads. You can register and login on the site and be able to enter listings online for free. You can even submit digital photos of your items to sell. There is no cost and no commission charge. If you have problems or questions, call Randy Olson, Web master at 842-2196.



# Assistance Provided Following Katrina's Wrath

**L**inemen and tree clearance crews from Wayne-White spent several days in Alabama and Mississippi assisting other electric cooperatives in restoring power to homes and businesses that were ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Members of the first crew include, Standing L-R: Nathan Coston, Larry Smith, Jim Miles,

Jason McKinney, and Gerry Kinney. Sitting L-R: Mike Richardson, Kerry Merrit, and Randall Douglas.

Members of the second crew that rotated to the hurricane damage area include L-R: Zach Coston, Dave Johnson, Jason Atteberry, Lee Johnson, Carl McKibben, Lindy Simpson, David Orr, and Alan Kincart.



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- Chelsea Wood, Wayne City, IL 62895
- Ashley Woodrow, Springerton, IL 62887
- Jacquelyn & Michael Yon, Carmi, IL 62821

# New Light Bulbs At Football Field



lights...Camera...Action! The football season has been brighter at the Fairfield Community High School football field under the illumination of new light bulbs installed recently by Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative. In a joint effort between the high school and Wayne-White, linemen crews used a special extended size lift truck to reach the burned-out bulbs atop the tall 90-foot steel poles that are perched on concrete pillars. The high school paid for the use of the rental truck, while the cooperative provided the trained manpower to install the 1,500 watt bulbs.

Due to the location of each pole, a crane has been used in the past to reach the bulbs. The new rental lift truck became available this year, which made the job a little easier. Wayne-White personnel involved in the installation included Gerry Kinney, Mike Richardson, and Kerry Merrit.



## Wayne-White Employee Spotlight

We will feature two or three cooperative employees each month in a special employee spotlight feature.



**Earl Young** is one of the mechanics at Wayne-White. He has worked for the cooperative in that capacity for 15 years. Earl, along with fellow mechanic

Joe McKittrick, is responsible for keeping the linemen trucks and other cooperative vehicles in good operating condition. This can range from making repairs to the hydraulic lifts on the bucket trucks, to routine oil changes, to rebuilding engines and carburetors. The Wayne-White vehicles log a lot of miles weekly, so regularly scheduled maintenance service work is vital to the successful operation of the fleet.

Prior to joining Wayne-White, Earl was a mechanic for Garman Trucking Company in Fairfield. He enjoys working with the other

employees at the cooperative. Earl grew up in Fairfield, graduated from FCHS, and went to mechanic school in Nashville, TN. His wife, Barbara, works as a nurse in Evansville. He has one son (deceased in 2004), two grandchildren, three step grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. Barbara has three grown children and one grandchild.

Earl enjoys working in the ministry, visiting people, and traveling. Earl and Barbara recently took a Caribbean Cruise, which he ranks among his favorite vacation experiences.



**Judy Wood** has been a secretary/receptionist at Wayne-White for 13 years. She is one of the friendly faces that greet customers in the front lobby at the Fairfield office. Judy enjoys meet-

ing the public and assists in handling daily customer service needs in person and on the phone. She also takes care of time keeping and renewals of power stat cards.

Judy grew up in Robinson, Illinois, graduating from Robinson High School. She attended college at Lincoln Trail College where she obtained an Associate Degree. Her husband is Curt Wood, who is employed at Champion Labs in Albion. They have three boys. Derek and Heath live in Alabama, and Mitchell, an FCHS student, is still at home.

Judy enjoys yard work and flower gardening. She and Curt also enjoy following NASCAR drivers Terry Labonte, Curt Busch, and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. Their favorite place to visit as a vacation destination is Bristol, TN.

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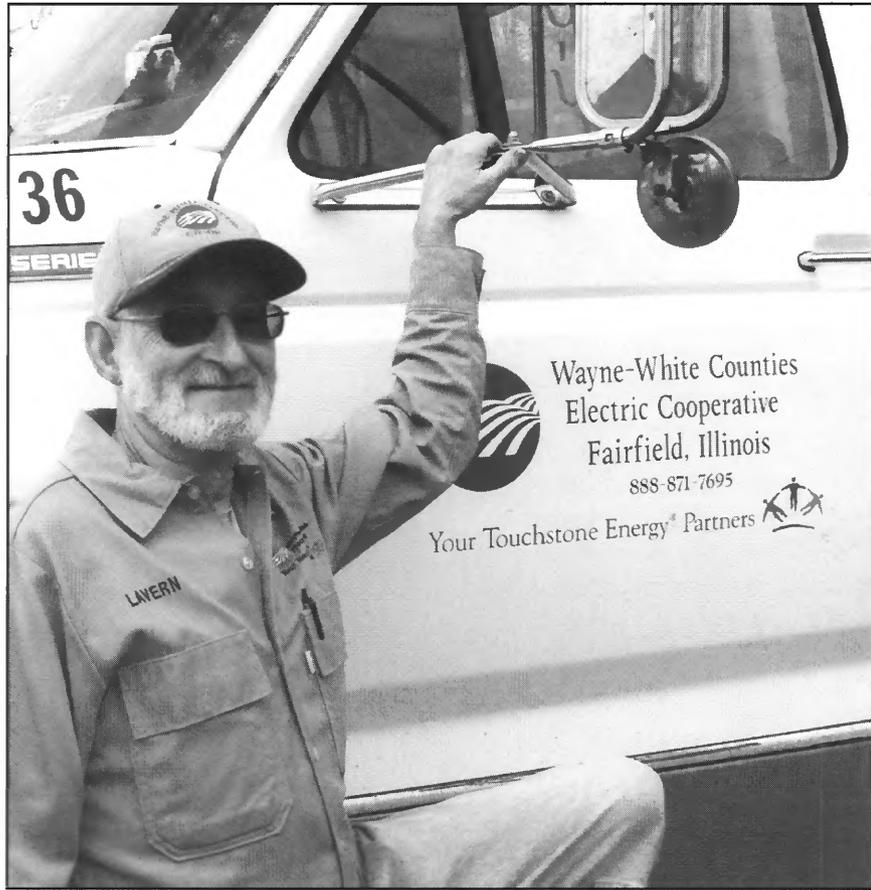
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## Tree Trimming Veteran Announces Retirement

**F**or 30 ½ years, Lavern Baxter has served the membership of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative as an employee of the vegetation management crew by trimming limbs, brush, and removing problematic trees that can cause power outages.

His career, which began on July 7, 1975, is drawing to a close, as Lavern announced his upcoming retirement from the Cooperative effective January 2006.

“I remember back in the 70s at Wayne-White, when we only had a bucket truck and a winch,” said Lavern. “There were no chippers or brontos in those days; in fact many of the modern pole saws didn’t come along until later.”

When he initially joined the cooperative, Lavern worked with Lloyd Clements, Stan Garner, Everett McConnell, and Don Wheat. Don was the foreman of the crew. “I’ve worked with a lot of good people over the past 30 years, and I’ve really enjoyed

my time at Wayne-White,” Lavern said.

Prior to working for the Cooperative, Lavern was a feed salesman for Wabash Valley Service Company, and he spent three years in the Army, which included a tour of duty in Italy, and about three months at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. where he was a teletype operator. Lavern grew up on a farm in the Albion/Grayville area.

Lavern and his wife, Ida, have two daughters, Michelle and Anna Marie, as well as three grandchildren. They enjoy camping at Red Hill State Park, and hope to do more camping and a little traveling during retirement. “I don’t have specific plans, we’ll just do what we feel like doing,” he said.

Lavern said that the best part of his job has been working outside all these years. “I like being outdoors, and I have especially liked working with Nathan Gill and the Brontosaurus for the past 5 ½ years,” he said. “The Brontos have helped improve my department more than anything else I have seen during my career. They help prevent outages.”



## From The Desk Of The CEO...

**Daryl Donjon, CEO/General Manager**

**S**eptember 27, 2005, was the date I began employment as your new Chief Executive Officer.

Because of the length of time necessary to produce this magazine, I am writing this article on October 28, 2005. As a result, this is my perspective after approximately one month on the job.

■ **Positives:**

1. A Board of Directors committed to making decisions in the best long-term interest of their fellow member-owners.
2. A committed, loyal group of employees with the goal of returning Wayne-White to the way it was perceived in the past in the eyes of the membership and surrounding communities.
3. An exceptional power supply contract through the year 2010 that can possibly be used to leverage long-term power supply costs.
4. An electrical distribution sys-

tem that is generally in good condition.

■ **Negatives:**

1. Long-term debt of \$39 million, resulting in a poor equity position.
2. The interest rate on debt is primarily short term in nature. The Cooperative is exposed to significantly higher interest expense when the current loan terms end, and is subject to re-pricing.
3. Long-term approach to the payoff of Soyland's buy-out. As a result, significant debt will remain after the end of a favorable power supply contract.

■ **Short-term Goals:**

1. Improve relationships that have been deteriorated.
2. Develop budget and work plan for 2006 to determine if current revenue is adequate.

■ **Long-term Goals:**

1. Develop long-term financial forecast that fairly depicts the reality of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative.
2. Achieve Board consensus that best provides for long-term stability

for the member-owners of Wayne-White.

3. Effectively communicate the plan to the employees and member-owners.

Prior to coming to Wayne-White, I was employed at Monroe County Electric Cooperative in Waterloo, Illinois, for 19 years, followed by nine years as General Manager at Warren County REMC in Williamsport, Indiana.

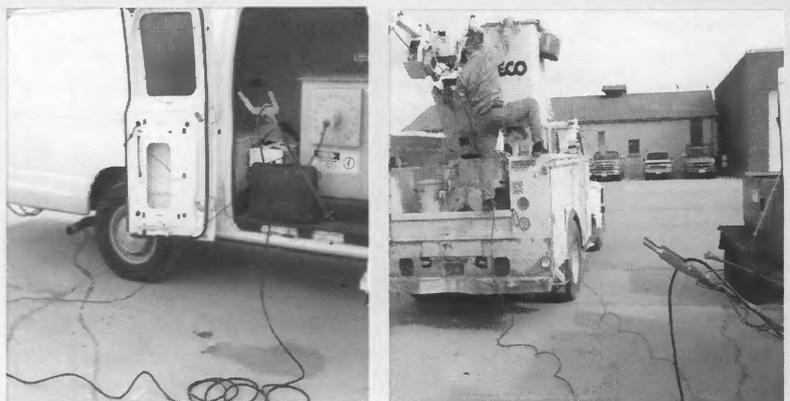
During my 28 years in the cooperative program, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative had great respect from its peers. Although I profess to be a realist by nature, I am confident that by working together, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative has the ability to thrive in the long-term. Certainly there are significant obstacles, but the member-owners of electric cooperatives have always been resilient and proud of the accomplishments of the past.

As we approach the holidays and look forward to a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our cooperative members and their families a safe and happy holiday season. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,  
Daryl Donjon  
CEO/General Manager

## Annual Safety Testing on Truck Fleet

**T**he fleet of insulated trucks at Wayne-White recently went through mandatory testing by Delta Mobile Testing of LaGrange, KY. The annual tests ensure that the cooperative-owned trucks continue to meet OSHA standards for safety by measuring the dielectric capacity and structural integrity. The mobile testing van comes equipped with a step-up transformer and generator to perform the tests, which generally take about two hours per truck.



A Delta technician attaches a test lead to one of the bucket areas of the truck.

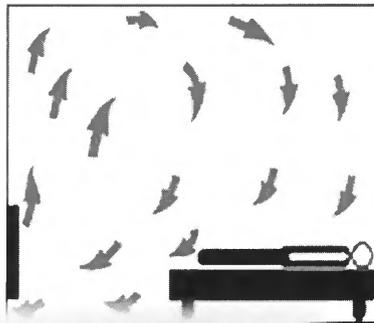
# Convect Air Energy Efficient Convection Heaters Now Available at the Cooperative

**A**re you looking for a way to subsidize your current heating system without spending a fortune? Before you trash your present furnace or run out and buy four space heaters at the local hardware store, consider a convection heater by Convect Air, available at Wayne-White.

If you have used baseboard heaters in your home, you've heard their trademark crackling as they heat up or cool down. Fan-forced wall-insert heaters are even worse, noisily starting and stopping as the temperature goes up and down. With forced air, the furnace makes a noise every time it starts up. And with hot-water radiators, the sound of water gurgling through the radiators, which causes them to expand, is likely to be annoying, especially during the night. When you subsidize your main heating source with Convectair natural convection heaters, you hear nothing but the sound of silence!

Convect Air units feature a unique heating element. It consists of an X-shaped monoblock that is surface-treated to heat more efficiently, with no expansion noise. The natural convection design also avoids the need for a fan. You'll know that your Convectair heater is working by the comfort you feel. The Convectair heating unit naturally draws in the cool air along the floor and then reheats it, using a highly efficient patented heating element. The heated air rises in the unit and is gently diffused through the grilles at the top.

The intake of cool air from the bottom of the unit and the output of warm air from the top is known



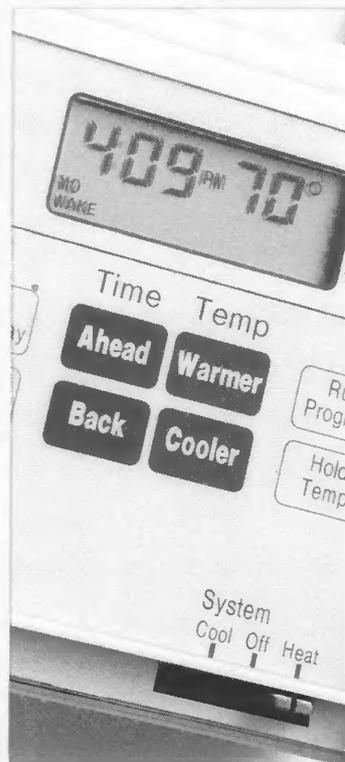
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Energy Efficient Electric Heaters

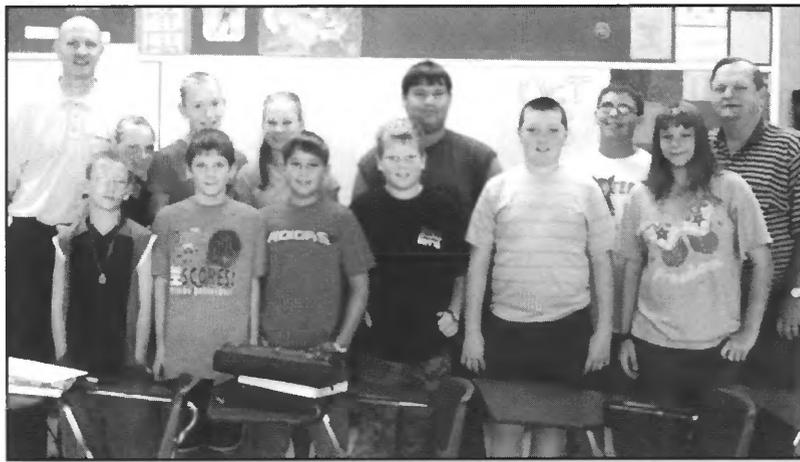


as the "chimney effect." This natural acceleration pushes the hot air to the front of the unit rather than towards the wall, and helps the heat to spread evenly throughout the entire room. Hot and cool air mix more rapidly and efficiently. You feel much more comfortable, since the degree of warmth that you've selected is the same throughout the entire room. With Convectair, cold feet are a thing of the past! But that's not all: convection reduces heating costs, since the heat produced is distributed more efficiently and evenly. And since a natural convection Convectair unit doesn't require a motor or fan, it operates in total silence. Stop by and see the Convect Air heaters at our Fairfield office or visit our Web site at [www.WWCEC.com](http://www.WWCEC.com) and click on "products."

## Are You Switching To All Electric Heat?

**I**n recent months, many people have converted their homes to all electric. As the winter months approach, electricity will continue to be an affordable energy source for heating your home. The "all electric heat rate" at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative is in effect from November 1 to May 1. If you are an "all electric residential account," you qualify for a rate of just .05 per kwh hour on electricity consumed above 1,500 kwh per month during this time. If you convert to all electric heat, or build a new home with all electric heat during this period, contact Wayne-White at 842-2196 to receive this special rate.





## Co-Op Employees Volunteer With Junior Achievement

**W**ayne-White employees Randy Olson and Lisa Arview have been volunteering as consultant/instructors for the local Junior Achievement (JA) Program in Wayne County during a 10-week period. Olson is pictured (top photo, far left) with Mr. Garland Keck's 7th grade class at Cisne Middle School. While Arview (bottom photo, far right) is pictured with Mrs. Debbie Webb's 8th grade class at New Hope School. Since its founding in 1919, Junior Achievement has contributed to the business and economics education of young people in the United States. The purpose is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives. JA is a not-for-profit organization based in Colorado Springs, CO. It is financed by businesses, foundations, and individual donors. Many Wayne County area business people are providing volunteer service at area grade schools as part of the local JA effort. Olson works in the Member Services department at Wayne-White, while Arview works in Human Resources.



## The Gift of FREEDOM

As you enjoy this festive holiday season with family and friends, pause and give thanks to the many service men and women who are serving our country overseas. Their commitment is insuring the gift of freedom for all of us.

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