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## **EnerStar Electric lineman wins Lineman's Safety Rodeo**

EnerStar Electric linemen Russ Camp came out on top at the 21st annual Lineman's Safety Rodeo winning best overall individual lineman and best overall team with linemen from Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC). This event, sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, was held Sept. 28. This year, 13 teams from 11 electric co-ops participated in the friendly competition. The rodeo highlights the skills linemen use to work safely and efficiently.

The event was held on the Chuck West Lineman Training Grounds at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Camp faced off against teams of linemen from across Illinois in events using skills that focus on agility, speed and accuracy. While these skills are part of the judging criteria, above all, the linemen are judged on safe work practices.

Line personnel competed in five team events and three individual events. Team and individual events included hurt man rescue, egg climb and an H-structure obstacle course. Additionally, teams competed in a neutral down event and a bucket truck obstacle course.

Camp competed with Brian Chevalier and Jamie Sharp of SEC, and they worked together to win the



*Russ Camp of EnerStar Electric Cooperative won the best overall individual lineman competition at the Lineman's Safety Rodeo.*

*Brian Chevalier and Jamie Sharp of Shelby Electric Cooperative and Russ Camp of EnerStar Electric Cooperative won the best overall team competition at the Lineman's Safety Rodeo.*



best overall team competition. They also received first place in hurt man rescue, first place in neutral down and third place in the bucket truck obstacle course. Camp also won the best overall individual lineman competition and received first place in hurt man rescue, second place in the egg climb and second place in the H-structure obstacle course.

Scores for each event are based on completion time, proper execution of the task and safety. Deductions were made to a team

or individual's overall performance score due to mistakes such as slipping when climbing poles, dropping tools or executing inappropriate procedures or methods.

Congratulations to Russ on his team and individual efforts!



**21<sup>st</sup>  
LINEMAN'S  
SAFETY RODEO**

# Youth to Washington

## Candidates sought to represent EnerStar

For over 50 years, the electric cooperatives of Illinois have given tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to learn from today's public officials. EnerStar is on the hunt for two outstanding students to represent our cooperative at the Youth Tour this year.

EnerStar's Youth Tour is two separate events: **Youth Day in Springfield held in Spring 2019**, and the week-long, all-expense paid **Youth to Washington trip on June 7-14, 2019**.

During this trip, students will get the chance to meet other students from across the nation, shake hands with political leaders, and visit museums and monuments.

Candidates should be high school sophomores, juniors or seniors in Fall 2019. In addition, candidates must reside in the EnerStar

service territory and receive their electricity from EnerStar.

To learn more and apply online, visit [www.enerstar.com](http://www.enerstar.com) where you will find the application in the "My Community"

section. The deadline to apply is **January 31, 2019**. If you have any questions, please contact EnerStar's Angela Griffin at 800-635-4145, extension 103 or via email at [agriffin@enerstar.com](mailto:agriffin@enerstar.com).



## English receives Director Leadership Certificate

EnerStar Electric Cooperative's Board Director Dale English was awarded the Director Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). This certificate acknowledges English's efforts in pursuing further education in administration, strategic planning and the ever-evolving legal landscape cooperatives must navigate. Thank you, Dale, for your devotion to your cooperative.



Photographed (l-r) Board Director Dale English receives the Director Leadership Certificate from Board Chairman Danny Gard, Jr.

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**VETERANS DAY**

EnerStar's office will be closed November 12 in observance of Veterans Day.

Give Thanks  
→ THANKSGIVING DAY ←

EnerStar's office will be closed November 22-23 for Thanksgiving.

# IEC Memorial Scholarships available

EnerStar Electric Cooperative President/CEO Mike Clark has announced that Illinois electric cooperatives in 2019 will award 12 \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program designed to financially assist students in the electric cooperative family.

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



Local student Kyle Webster, a senior at Chrisman High School, earned a 2018 \$2,000 IEC scholarship.

- Four scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.
- One scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire

Lineworker's Scholarship, will help pay for costs to attend lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees or directors; students enrolled in the Lincoln Land lineworker's school; or individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible to apply for the lineworker's scholarship.

For more information, contact EnerStar's Angela Griffin, Manager of Marketing and Member Services, at 1-800-635-4145, ext 103 or email [agriffin@enerstar.com](mailto:agriffin@enerstar.com). To apply, visit the community section at [www.enerstar.com](http://www.enerstar.com).



## Capital credit refund checks mailing Nov. 30

Years of Service 1985-1986

At the July 2018 meeting, after review of the cooperative's financial position, the board of directors voted to retire \$623,352 in capital credits to current and former members of the cooperative who received electric service for the years of 1985 and 1986.

"For many years now, EnerStar's strategic focus has been to simultaneously improve the cooperative's financial status while upgrading our utility infrastructure," said Mike Clark, EnerStar CEO. "We are pleased

to say we are accomplishing our goal."

As a non-profit electric cooperative, EnerStar allocates annual operating margins, or profits, to members receiving service during the year. These margins are based on usage and are called capital credits. Capital credits represent the member's equity and remain on file until EnerStar's board of directors determines a general refund may be issued.

Checks will mail on Nov. 30, 2018.



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and Coles.



## EnerStar now offering... **KOHLER Whole House Generators**

When bad weather rolls in, it can mean damage to EnerStar's electric system, and severe weather can bring extended outages. For those who need uninterrupted power due to medical devices or others who always want to have power, it may be time to install a generator. Because of this, EnerStar now offers Kohler standby power generators for purchase. Financing is also available. Our employees and your installer will guide you to the best model for you wants and needs. Contact EnerStar's Tim Haddix at 217-463-4145 or [thaddix@enerstar.com](mailto:thaddix@enerstar.com) about generator solutions.



## When your monthly bill is due, choose the payment right for you

EnerStar Electric Cooperative makes it easy for members to choose one of many payment options most convenient for them. With these different payment choices, members can set payments to be made automatically, pay online, visit our local office or pay by phone from the comfort of home.



### Autopay

Sign up for Autopay online, in person, or with our free, secure online and mobile app SmartHub. Choose whether the payment is deducted from your checking account or applied to a debit or credit card. Your payment will be automatically made on the due date. You will no longer need to remember to make a payment, saving you time and postage. **Go paperless and get a one time \$5 bill credit.**



### PrePaid Electric

With Prepaid Electric, you have the freedom to "pay as you go." Starting the service requires a \$25 deposit and a payment of \$75 to your prepay account. As you use electricity, the account

balance decreases accordingly. You decide how often you want to pay and the amount. Prepaying helps consumers as they are more aware of their consumption and smaller, incremental payments are possible. Choose notifications such as an email or text message alerting you when the balance gets below a certain threshold. Payments are accepted online, in person during business hours, over the phone or by mail.



### SmartHub

If you prefer to use your desktop or a mobile device to receive, view and pay your electric bill, you can do so by signing up for SmartHub. This free service makes it easy to pay your bill whenever and wherever you are. You can review usage data, sign up for co-op notifications, and more, including reporting a power outage at the click of a button. This free, secure service can be found online at [www.enerstar.com](http://www.enerstar.com) under "Manage My Account" or downloaded from your mobile devices' app store.



### Pay by Phone

To make a payment by phone either from your checking account or a debit/credit card, you can call directly to 1-888-999-4201. This service allows you to store your banking information for easy use



### MoneyGram

To find a MoneyGram location to make a near-instant cash payment, visit [www.moneygram.com](http://www.moneygram.com). The service provider charges a nominal fee. There are several locations in the EnerStar service territory and in Terre Haute.



### EnerStar Office – Office and Night Depository Box

Payments may be made at the EnerStar office Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Our office accepts cash, check, money order and debit/credit card payments. For your convenience, you may make after-hours payments using the night deposit box located in the grassy area between our entrance and Blue Heron Road south of the co-op parking lot.