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2018 Lineman's Safety Rodeo

Ryan Little, Cole Hurrelbrink and Joe Alexander represented Illinois Electric Cooperative as a team at the Lineman's Safety Rodeo.

Cole Hurrelbrink, Ryan Little, Joe Alexander, Darren Hayn, Josh Davis and Ike Richard represented Illinois Electric Cooperative at the 21st Annual Lineman's Safety Rodeo sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives on Friday, September 28th.

This year, 13 teams from 11 electric co-ops participated. The rodeo highlights the skills linemen use to work safely and efficiently.

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Josh Davis, Darren Hayn and Ike Richard represented Illinois Electric Cooperative as a team at the Lineman's Safety Rodeo.

The linemen competed 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.

The team of Hurrelbrink, Little and Alexander received first place in the bucket truck obstacle course and second place in the H-structure obstacle course. The team of Hayn, Davis and Richard received second place in the bucket truck obstacle course. In addition, Little won the H-structure obstacle course event in the individual lineman competition.

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.

See more photos from this year's lineman's rodeo by visiting us on Facebook at facebook.com/illinoiselectric.



Twelve 2019 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

Illinois Electric Cooperative has announced that in 2019, the Illinois electric cooperatives will award eleven academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, a twelfth scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will also be offered.

The total of twelve scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2019 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

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

The twelfth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” is a \$2,000 scholarship that will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees or directors; is 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.

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

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Ashley Graham at 217-243-8705, or ashley@e-co-op.com. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors.



Christmas at the Pike County Lodges

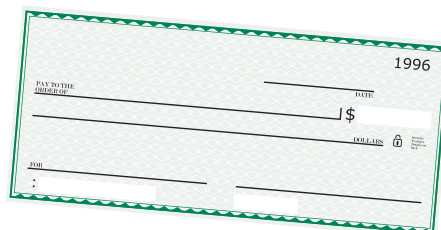
Tuesday, Dec. 4th & Saturday, Dec. 8th

Six Pike County lodges will be decorated for the Christmas season and open to the public on Tuesday, December 4th and Saturday, December 8th. Christmas at the Pike County Lodges, presented by Access Illinois Outdoor, showcases Harpole's Heartland Lodge, Sunset View Lodge, New Canton Christmas Village, Sprague's Kinderhook Lodge, Buck Chasers Lodge and William Watson Hotel.

The tour includes a brunch, lunch, wine tasting, dessert and appetizers. Each lodge features a different floral designer who will have their creations for sale that day. A diverse selection of talented musicians will be performing a variety of seasonal music at each lodge. For more information or to make reservations, call Access Illinois Outdoors at (217) 285-2464.

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