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EnerStar linemen take top honors at Lineman's Safety Rodeo

Eleven teams of linemen from 10 electric cooperatives and one municipal electric company participated in the 22nd annual Lineman's Safety Rodeo sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) on Friday, Sept. 27. The rodeo gives linemen the opportunity to showcase their skills in a friendly competition with other lineworkers across the state.

Each year, teams of linemen from Illinois electric co-ops and municipal utilities

participate in competitive 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 four team events, three individual events and a head-to-head climbing challenge. Team and individual events included hurt man rescue, egg climb (linemen climb a 30-foot pole with a raw egg in their mouth) and an H-structure

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Austin Swango, Russ Camp and Jake Keys (shown l-r) represented EnerStar Electric Cooperative and took top honors at the Lineman's Safety Rodeo held on the Chuck West Lineman Training Grounds at Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) in Springfield.



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Lineman's Safety Rodeo

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obstacle course. Additionally, teams competed in a crossarm change. At the end of the day, individuals competed in a head-to-head climbing challenge and were seeded in a bracket based on their scores from the egg climb.

EnerStar is proud to announce that EnerStar's team won Best Overall, placed

first in the Crossarm Changeout and second in the Egg Climb. Austin Swango won Best Overall Individual Apprentice and second in the Individual Apprentice Egg Climb. Jake Keys placed second in the Individual Egg Climb.

Scores for each event use a 100-point scale and 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 guys! We are proud of you!

Capital credit refund checks mailing

Earlier this year, after review of the cooperative's financial position, the EnerStar board of directors voted to retire capital credits to current and former members of the cooperative who received electric service in 1987 and a partial retirement of the 1988. The remainder of that year will be paid in the coming year.

"For many years now, EnerStar's strategic focus has been to simultane-

ously 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 be mailed the last week of November for those members who qualify for the retirement.

The Capital Credits Process



1 EnerStar tracks how much electricity each member purchases throughout the year

2 At the end of the year, EnerStar completes all financial matters and determines whether there are excess revenues, called margins

3 EnerStar allocates the margins to members as capital credits based on their electricity purchases

4 As the co-op's financial condition permits, the board "retires" capital credits. A capital credit refund check is mailed to those members who received service during that year

2020 IEC Memorial Scholarships available

EnerStar Electric Cooperative CEO Mike Clark has announced that Illinois electric cooperatives will award 12 scholarships in 2020 to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family. The 12 scholarships, \$2,000 each, will be awarded 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 Illinois electric cooperative members.
- 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 12th scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship, will help pay for costs to attend lineworker school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Sons and daughters of co-op members, relatives of co-op employees or directors, and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for this scholarship.

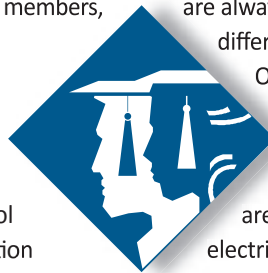
"We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships," says Clark. "EnerStar and the other Illinois electric cooperatives

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 EnerStar's Angela Griffin at 800-635-4145, ext 103 or agriffin@enerstar.com. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is also available for download at the cooperative's website at www.enerstar.com.



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 March 2020, and the week-long, all-expense paid Youth to Washington trip on June 19-26, 2020.

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 2020. 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 where you will find the application in the "My Community" section. The deadline to apply is January

31, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact EnerStar's Angela Griffin at 800-635-4145, extension 103 or via email at agriffin@enerstar.com.





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**EnerStar's office will be closed
November 28-29 for
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