

# JAMUP

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## WPCA Scorecard

**T**he Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) line item on your monthly billing statement is something new as of December 2009. WPCA is based on the Cooperative's wholesale cost of power from Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC). Cost of power from SIPC equates to approximately 60 percent of your electric bill. Since we now show this WPCA line item on your billing statement, your monthly cost of power is more accurate because the Cooperative is only charging what is actually needed to cover the cost of wholesale power for any given month. Due to volatile changes in the price of wholesale power, the WPCA line item can either increase or decrease your bill each month. Our plan is to show you in the upcoming months in JAMUP, just how much those costs or savings may be.

When we set our rates last August, we predicted the cost of power from SIPC would be \$0.07178 per kilowatt-hour. The WPCA column shows the adjustment that was made to charge you for the actual cost of power instead of the previously predicted cost of power, which fortunately for all of us, has already saved our membership over \$139,000.



Usage Month	Billing Month	WPCA	Savings to Members	Cost to Members
November, 2009	December, 2009	-\$0.00466	\$68,188	\$0.00
December, 2009	January, 2010	-\$0.00450	\$71,095	\$0.00

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## Important TWN Long Distance Update!!

Since Jan. 26, 2004, SIEC has enjoyed a business relationship with Transworld Network ("TWN"), pursuant to which we marketed TWN's long distance telephone services. TWN recently terminated the business relationship effective Jan. 26, 2010. TWN is continuing to provide our members long distance services, but members who continue to subscribe to this service are now doing so directly with TWN. Accordingly, SIEC is no longer in a position to assist you if you have any issues associated with your long distance service. Instead you will need to contact TWN directly if you have any issues. Their toll free customer service number is 1-800-807-1837. We believe TWN will be very responsive to your needs.

We wish TWN and you continued success in your long distance relationship.



# Congratulations!



After 33 years of service, Linda Keller is retiring from Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative on February 12. She began her employment as a general office clerk, advanced to cashier, then to work order clerk and is retiring as the assistant engineer.

In her spare time, Linda likes to read and go to auctions. She especially enjoys spending time with her granddaughters and watching them play ball. She is married to Larry and is a member and pianist at Mill Creek Baptist Church, and a member of Zeta Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

"It has been a great opportunity to work at SIEC and to know all the staff and employees. I will miss everyone, but plan to slow down, relax and enjoy my time more now that I am retiring," states Linda.

## Youth to Washington

### Attention High School Juniors!

SIEC will again invite one high school junior from each of the following schools: Anna-Jonesboro, Cairo, Century, Cobden, Dongola, Egyptian, Gorville, Joppa, Massac, Meridian, Shawnee and Vienna, to Youth Day in Springfield on April 21. This event is sponsored by SIEC and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. Of the 12 students representing SIEC in April, two will be selected to go on an all-expense paid tour of Washington, D.C. in June. **Greg Bowen**

**Youth to Springfield (Wednesday, April 21, 2010):** The day's activities in Springfield will include touring the state capitol complex and the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Students will also have the opportunity to visit with legislators.

### Youth to Washington (June 11 – 18, 2010):

The two local winners will join some 50 other Illinois students, sponsored by Illinois cooperatives, and spend a week in Washington, D.C. visiting attractions such as the White House, U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial and many other national monuments and places of interest.

If you are a junior and this opportunity interests you, please discuss this with your guidance counselor as soon as possible. Students do not have to be sons or daughters of SIEC members to attend Youth Day. An informative brochure regarding SIEC's Youth to Washington program can be downloaded from our Web site at [www.siec.coop](http://www.siec.coop).

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# Attend Youth to Washington as a Willie Student

**W**illie Wired-hand students are those relatives or friends associated with SIEC who participate in the Youth to Washington Tour at their own expense. The cost for a "Willie" student is \$1,200. We recommend that "Willie Wiredhand" students be high school sophomores, juniors or seniors in order for them to obtain maximum benefit from the tour. We welcome and encourage any interested students to become involved. Please call Jerri Schaefer if you have questions about becoming a Willie student at 800-762-1400. **Elizabeth A. Hunt**

Below is an interview with a previous Willie Wired-hand student, Priciliano Fabian:

## *What was your opinion of Youth Day?*

Youth Day was a great experience. It was the first time I got to really experience Springfield. I learned a lot from it and from the individuals that I met there.

## *When you found out you were not chosen as one of the two students to move forward with the Washington D.C. trip, why did you choose to become a "Willie" student?*

I really wanted to go to D.C. and after going to Springfield I had a little aspiration of running for office some day. I felt that if I go to D.C. then I could learn a lot more and experience something that a student from the southern Illinois area doesn't get to experience every day.

## *Describe how you raised the money to be a Willie student.*

I started by asking Jerri Schaefer's (SIEC Director of Communication) help in who to contact. After I knew whom to contact I went out and made calls, wrote letters and made appearances to various organizations such as the Lions Club in Cobden, the VFW, Kiwanis, etc. in Anna. I even raised more than I needed at the end of it all.

## *Describe the experience of being a Willie student on the Washington D.C. trip.*

The experience was great. I got to go to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania before we arrived in D.C., which brought things to life for me after reading about it in textbooks and learning about it in my classes. Once we got to D.C. we went to the various Smithsonians, walked by the White House and went to the Capitol. We went to the Saudi Arabia Embassy and the Holocaust Museum. I also



met Barack Obama when he was still a Senator and I met Representative Jerry Costello. There was so much to this trip that I enjoyed from the places that I went to, to the long lasting friends that I gained.

## *High school attended and year graduated?*

I attended Cobden High School and I graduated in May 2007.

## *What is your current school status?*

I'm a junior at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. I'm part of the Wesley Foundation, Illinois Education Association, Student Leaders of the College of Education and Human Services, Undergraduate Student Government, Skydiving Club, and the Recreational Student Services Advisory Board.

I was a Senator in the Undergraduate Student Government during my freshman and sophomore years and then ran for President and won. I now have the title of President of Undergraduate Student Government and with that I sit on various committees and at the front table in front of the Board of Trustees. I also sat on two search committees, one which was the Chancellor Search Committee where we narrowed down the finalists to Dr. Rita Cheng and Dr. Barbara Couture. I also sat on the Associate Chancellor for Institutional Diversity Search Committee.

I was Vice President of IEA during my freshman year and Vice President of Student Leaders of COEHS. I would have been President of both of those organizations during my junior year as well, but my role as the Student Body President took a lot of my time and commitment.

## *What are your future plans after college graduation?*

After graduation I plan to get my Masters in Educational Administration and then my Doctoral degree in Public Administration. I even have some aspiration of running for office because there's a lot of things that I see every day that I would like to help with and be that Child and Educational Advocate in Congress.

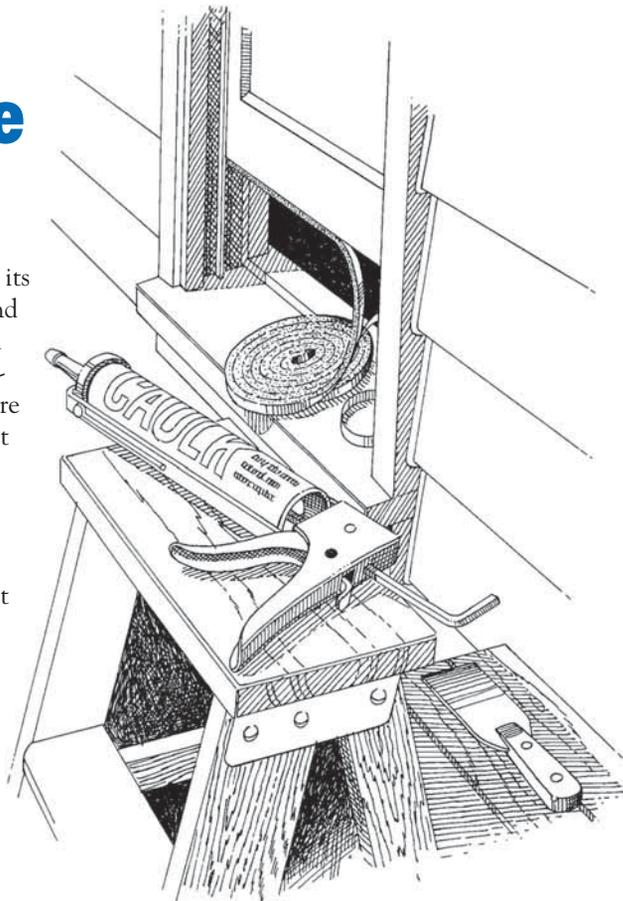
## *Do you have any advice for juniors attending Youth Day and Youth to Washington for 2010?*

Don't take the experience for granted! I learned a lot from my experience and the possibilities. I say go and enjoy them both... Youth Day especially, if you have an aspiration for politics and you want to be a part of it someday.

# How to Find Air Leaks in Your Home

**A**ir leaks can lead to high-energy bills. Use these steps to find leaks in your home:

- 1) **Start outside.** Look for gaps between your house and its foundation; gas, electric, phone, satellite, Internet and cable lines; your dryer vent; outdoor water faucets. A way to find large gaps in these places is to have someone shine a flashlight at night on one side while you're on the other. If you can see light, air can certainly get through. Expandable foam may work well to fill in these gaps.
- 2) **Next, check the door and window frames.** You can use a piece of paper slipped between the frame and window or door. If you can pull out the paper without it tearing, air can get in. Weather-stripping will seal these areas.
- 3) **Search for small leaks using an incense stick.** Pass the lit stick along the edges of a suspected leak and see if the smoke blows in or out. Do this on a windy day. Check for small leaks around outlets on outside walls, ceiling fans, recessed lights, vent fans, etc. Caulk and weather-stripping can help stop these leaks.



**Remember:** If you find leaks, seal them! A variety of products from caulk to foam sealers can be found at your local home store to help tighten up your home. Or, call SIEC for more information on energy efficiency at 1-800-762-1400 and visit our Web site at [www.siec.coop](http://www.siec.coop).

  
**Our office will be closed on Monday,  
February 15, 2010, for President's Day.**

**Member prize**  
 In this issue of the JAMUP, we printed the names of three SIEC members who are eligible to receive a \$10 credit toward their utility bill. If you find your name printed in this center section and it's not part of the story, call Jerri with your account number at 800-762-1400 to claim your prize.

Sharyl L. Davis

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