



Rural HIGHLIGHTS

Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

RECC competes in AIEC Lineman's Safety Rodeo



Apprentice Lineman Mark Bartolozzi, Line Foreman Travis Boylen and Apprentice Lineman Drayton Davis

Linemen Mark Bartolozzi, Travis Boylen and Drayton Davis represented RECC in the 2021 rodeo. They competed against teams 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, participants are judged on safe work practices.

The rodeo highlights the skills linemen use to work safely and efficiently. Line personnel competed in five team and individual events: a 40-foot climb, hurt man rescue, H-structure obstacle course, transformer banking and a head-to-head climbing challenge. 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. Drayton Davis, pictured left, received second place in the H-structure obstacle course.

Line Foreman Bill Hart, pictured on right, was awarded the AIEC Individual Leadership Award. Nominated by his peers,

Bill demonstrates safety leadership above and beyond normal safety performance expectations. In addition, RECC received the 2020 Best No Lost Time Award. Congratulations to our linemen on their team and individual efforts.

SAFETY FIRST



Farm Progress Show in Decatur, IL

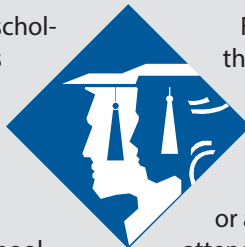


Engineering Technician Nick Hays greets visitors entering the Touchstone Energy tent to watch a safety demo.

Fourteen scholarships available for co-op family members

Illinois electric cooperatives will award 14 scholarships to financially assist deserving students in 2022. The 14 scholarships, \$2,000 each, will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. The deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2021.

Eight scholarships are available for high school seniors that are children of Illinois co-op members. One scholarship is available for a high school senior that is a child of co-op employee or director.



Four scholarships are for high school seniors, that are children of co-op members, who plan on attending community college.

One scholarship is for a son or daughter of co-op members, relatives of co-op employees or directors, and those who have served or are serving in the armed forces and plan to attend lineworker's school. The deadline for the lineworker's scholarship is April 30, 2022.

For more information, contact Sandy Lex at 217-438-6198 or sandy.lex@recc.coop.

Member test-drives begin for co-op's electric vehicle

Barry Vaughn (right) of Auburn and Cathy Leslie of Glenarm (below) were the first members to take advantage of the co-op's EV loaner program. Both enjoyed the experience and were thankful for the opportunity of an extended test-drive.

Their comments were very positive and they were really impressed with the overall size of the SUV. Most of our test drivers have commented on the electric vehicle's quick acceleration, sporty appearance, and premium features that make it stand out from the crowd.



RECC members are welcome to come and see our new electric vehicle. The 2021 Volkswagen ID.4 is now available for a quick test-drive or an extended overnight drive with an approved application. Simply go to recc.coop and click on the EV tab or the test-drive box on the bottom of the webpage. Fill in your information and submit the application form. You will be contacted to arrange a time and date for your drive.

Questions can be answered by emailing Jeff Lancaster at ev@recc.coop or by calling our office at (217) 438-6197.

Auburn Homecoming Parade



Tricia Hemberger with Lilly, Stefan Sporrer, Travis Boylen and Brandon Taylor with Maggie

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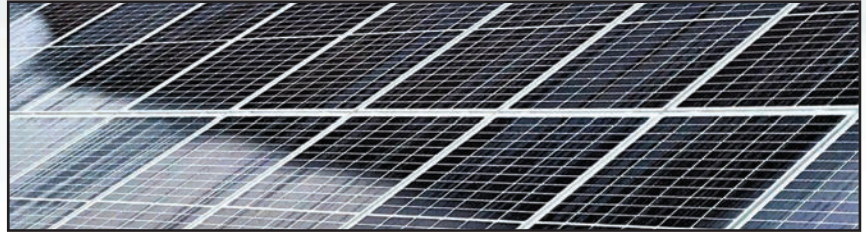
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Board updates RECC's renewable energy policy



The maximum size of eligible renewable systems that can be connected under RECC's Net-Metering Policy will remain at 10 kW DC. The total capacity of all wind, solar and other renewable source that can be connected to our system has increased from 3 to 5 percent of RECC's annual peak demand (1,280 kW). Our Net-Metering and Interconnection Policies are available on recc.coop.

Important Notice: Please call RECC before installation begins

If you're considering a solar system, remember that it is your responsibility to contact RECC while you are still in the design phase. Please contact Chris Bridges, Nick Hays or Jeff Lancaster if you have any questions. Call (217) 438-6197 or (800) 245-7322.

EV displayed at Summer Day Camp in Girard



Daylight Saving Time ends Nov 7.

