

Rural Electric Youth Day at State Capitol

RECC took a group of six area high school students to the 2010 Rural Electric/Rural Telephone Cooperative Youth Day in Springfield on April 21, spending time at the Capitol and Old State Capitol with 240 other students from around the state.

The group was able to meet with all of our local legislators this year, despite a huge rally scheduled to start at the Capitol later in the day. State Senators Larry Bomke and Deanna Demuzio visited the students before the Senate went into session, and Representatives Rich Brauer, Jim Watson and Betsy Hannig were also in the House chamber with the Youth Day students. The difficult job of dealing with the state's huge budget shortfall was a common topic throughout the morning.

The RECC students attending the 2010 Youth Day were Rene' Pitchford and Emily Langheim of Virden, Sarah Weitekamp and Jeffrey Beeler of Raymond, Stephanie Minder of Loami, and Sean Lex of Springfield.

The Youth Day program started with breakfast at the Prairie Capital Convention Center. After visiting the Capitol, the students returned for lunch and fun co-op activities, and



Students attending the Youth Day program at the Capitol met with state legislators, including State Senator Larry Bomke of Springfield. Pictured above are (from left) Sean Lex, Jeffrey Beeler, Sen. Bomke, Rene' Pitchford, Emily Langheim, Stephanie Minder, Sarah Weitekamp, and RECC's Director of Member and Public Relations, Dana Smith.

then walked to the Lincoln Home Site and the Old State Capitol.

After the day's tours, individual interviews were held to select two winners for the Youth To Washington trip in June. The Illinois participants will travel by bus from Springfield in one of the best-recognized youth programs in the nation's capital.

Selected to represent RECC on the Washington trip were Emily Langheim and Stephanie Minder (who attends Sacred-Heart Griffin High School). Jeffrey Beeler was named as alternate for the trip. Congratulations to all the great students who participated in this year's Youth Day and Youth To Washington contest!

Come to the RECC Annual Meeting on June 10!

All members are invited to Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative's Annual Meeting, to be held Thursday, June 10 at Glenwood High School in Chatham. Enjoy a free pork chop supper, visit displays and local vendors and hear the latest news from your co-op!

Registration and dinner start at 5 p.m. and the business meeting is at 7 p.m.

See you there!