

President's Comments



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Commitment to community

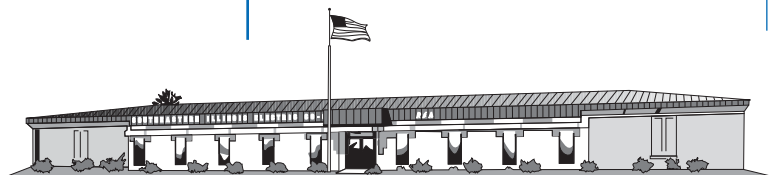
SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative is very proud to be one of a number of businesses in our area that remain locally owned, locally governed and locally operated for the past 72 years in Southern Illinois. Our Cooperative embraces improving the quality of life in the communities that it serves. Your Cooperative remains committed to its communities and the following is just a few examples of how your electric cooperative is striving to make a difference right here in Southern Illinois.

Your Cooperative coordinates an education grant program known as the Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grant. Your Cooperative offers a total of \$4,600 in grants to fund innovative, unfunded projects or materials. Qualifying projects are those that improve the learning environment or increase educational resources for the school and the students. Every year, your cooperative sends grant applications to all of the schools in the 10 county service area and assists school administrators in applying for these grants. For the 2009-2010 school year SEIEC awarded Creal Springs School, Gallatin County Elementary, Galatia Junior High School, Harrisburg High School and Norris City-Omaha Elementary School with Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants. Your Cooperative

has just begun accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year.

SouthEastern is also participating in a statewide scholarship fund known as the Illinois Electric Cooperative Memorial Scholarship Fund as a means of honoring deceased members of the electric cooperative family. Every year, your cooperative sends information to all of the schools in the 10 county service area with instructions on how students can apply for these scholarships. The program will award eight scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 each. Five scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are enrolling in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in the United States. The sixth and seventh scholarships will be awarded to a high school senior who will be enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college. The scholarship must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter college within one year from the time the scholarship is awarded. Scholarships are awarded based upon grade point average, college entrance test scores, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, biographical statement and knowledge of cooperatives, as demonstrated by a short essay. A new eighth annual scholarship, the "LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's

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READERSHIP PRIZE WINNER:
Brett Hall, West Frankfort, IL

Attention Local Teachers!



Apply for your 2010/2011 Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants

Does your school or classroom need new materials? Can your students benefit from new programs and educational resources? We thought so.

SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative is once again coordinating this grant program with Touchstone Energy for our local teachers and administrators. The grants will be provided for innovative, unfunded projects or materials. Qualifying projects are those that improve the learning environment or increase educational resources for the school.

A panel of judges will determine which projects will be awarded the grants. Grant applications are due by November 5. Grant awards will be announced on January 7. For a grant application and guidelines, please visit our website at www.seiec.com or contact Stefanie Tripp at 1-618-273-3806. It only takes a few minutes to apply.

Since 2006, SEIEC has distributed Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants to the following recipients:

Ms. Katy Duncan, Eldorado Elementary School - \$500.00

Ms. Lora Brothers, Eldorado Elementary School - \$500.00

Ms. Rebecca Crayne, Gallatin Unit # 7 Elementary school - \$1000.00

Dr. Steve Webb, Goreville Community Unit #1 - \$650.00

Ms. Roxanne Price, Lincoln Elementary School, Media Center - \$500.00

Ms. Fran Wachter & Ms. Becky Cadle, Marion Jr. High - \$850.00

Ms. Kathy Anderson, New Simpson Hill School - \$1000.00

Ms. Fran Wachter, Creal Springs School - \$953.00

Ms. Jordana Pulliam, Gallatin County Elementary - \$852.00

Mr. Able Kinser, Marion High School - \$1000.00

Ms. Amy Moore, Galatia Junior-Senior High School - \$1000.00

Ms. Toni Herrmann, Eldorado Elementary School - \$795.00

Ms. Amanda Allen, Norris City-Omaha Elementary - \$1,000.00

Ms. Fran Wachter, Creal Springs School - \$600.00


Ms. Barbara Holt, Gallatin County School - \$1,000.00

Ms. Paula Allen, Galatia Junior High School - \$1,000.00

Ms. Krystal Doolley, Harrisburg High School - \$1,000.00



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LITE FOR A BITE


October has been designated National Cooperative Month since 1930. As part of our commitment to community, SEIEC is celebrating National Cooperative Month by promoting energy efficiency while collecting food for our local communities.

Beginning October 1, members will receive one free 23 watt CFL (up to a maximum of four CFLs while supplies last) for each commercially canned or packaged non-perishable food item you bring into our office. This offer is for members of SEIEC only.

Please help us help those in need while saving energy in your homes and businesses.



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Scholarship,” will be awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$1250 scholarship 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. The eighth scholarship will be awarded to relatives of co-op employees, directors or individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard

SouthEastern also invites the 23 area high schools to participate in a program known as the “Youth To Washington Tour.” Students are invited to participate by writing a one page essay on the subject, “Why I would like to visit Washington D.C.” Participating schools select

the best essay written by their students and forward that essay to SouthEastern for evaluation by staff personnel. The composers of the two best essays are awarded the opportunity to participate in a one day tour of the State’s capital in Springfield, Illinois and then on to a one week, expense paid tour of our Nations capital in Washington D.C. SEIEC is proud to announce that Kaela Kiefer of McLeansboro High School and Seth Wilson of Sesser-Valier High School were awarded and have attended the “Youth To Washington Tour” in 2010.

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our local communities. Beginning October 1, members will receive one free 23 watt CFL (up to a maximum of four CFLs while supplies last) for each commercially canned or packaged non-perishable food item you bring into our office. The food will then be donated to local food pantries in our service area. We ask that you please help us help those in need while saving energy in your homes and businesses.

These are just a few examples of how your electric cooperative is striving to make a difference in the communities it serves.

See you next month and as always, “We’ll keep the lights on for you.”

POWER OUTAGE

If your power goes off, we offer these suggestions

1. Check the fuses or circuit breakers in your service panels. If you have breakers, make sure they are in the “ON” position.
2. If you have a meter pole, check the main breaker panel just below the meter socket. If the breaker is in the “OFF” position, check all of your wiring from the meter pole to your various buildings. If the wiring appears to be okay, reset the breaker to the “ON” position.
3. If you still do not have power, check with neighbors to see if they have power.
4. To report a power failure or other emergency, please phone 1-877-399-8405. This phone number is monitored around the clock, 365 days per year to accept your outage and emergency calls.
5. Your phone call will be handled by SouthEastern’s automated outage reporting system and will be identified automatically through ANI (Automatic Number Identification). An outage record will then be generated for your

location. Please note that the phone number from which you place the call will be the number used to generate the record. If the system fails to recognize your phone number, members having touch-tone phones may simply enter their seven-digit phone number (without area code) in order to report the outage. Members not having touch-tone phones will be asked to leave a message. It is important you leave your name, phone number and location of the outage. Retrieving messages and entering them into the system is time consuming; therefore, please leave only a message that will help in restoration of electric service. Do not remain on the line for an operator because a live operator is not there to respond. In order to keep a current listing of all numbers, it is important that you notify the Cooperative of any changes in your telephone number.

6. Handling outage calls electronically allows you to report power failures very quickly. Once your outage has been reported, it will be dispatched to repair personnel who will restore your outage as soon as possible. Calling back repeatedly will not shorten the length of the outage, but may hinder the efforts of other members who are trying to report outages.

Outage Calls Only 1-877-399-8405

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