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Students meet their legislators

More than 250 students from the rural areas of Illinois traveled to Springfield on Wednesday, March 28, for the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day.

With rural areas losing population, fewer legislators will be elected to serve downstate, so the need for citizens to take active roles in voting for legislators who have their interests at heart is increasingly important.

“Elected officials enjoy the opportunity to meet with students and learn first-hand their concerns. Many issues debated in the General Assembly personally affect their lives,” said Duane Noland, President and CEO

of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC). **James Pitts**

Senators Gary Forby and David Luechtefeld, along with Representatives Brandon Phelps and Mike Bost, met with students representing Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative. The students had an opportunity to view state government in action and question their legislators on key issues, including the possible closing of the Tamm prison. In addition, they heard from both Lt. Governor Sheila Simon and Secretary of State Jesse White. The students also toured the Illinois Supreme Court, the Old State

Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Pictured are first row, from left: Sen. Gary Forby, Bailey Flamm, Mattie Altenberger, Katelyn Glodo, Andrew Thurston and Shatoyria Jangjirawat; second row – Jerri Schaefer, Director of Communication for SIEC, Chris Boyd, Director of Member Services for SIEC, Kailey Denny, Bryce Bigham and Kristen Arnold.

The day was sponsored by the AIEC and is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 25 co-ops from across the state represented at the event.

Stay safe on the water if a storm hits

As warm weather arrives, many people heed the call of the sea, or at least the lake, and rush to get their boats in the water. But an unexpected change in the weather can turn your maritime romp into a dangerous situation. Follow these guidelines for staying safe if you're caught in rough seas:

- Wear your life jacket at all times.
- Get below deck, and remain there if possible.
- Stay away from metal objects that are not grounded in the boat's protection system.
- Don't touch more than one grounded object at a time, or you could become the shortcut for electrical surges passing through the protection system.



SIEC receives safety awards

Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative employees recently received two safety honors. The awards were given to electric coop-

eratives with the "Best Accident/Illness Record" and "Best Lost Time Record" for 2011.

Nominating Committee to Meet June 7, 2012

Members to serve on the 2011-2012 Nominating Committee were appointed by Scott L. Ury, President of the Board of Directors, at the 2011 annual meeting of the members held August 4, 2011. The committee will meet at the cooperative headquarters, 7420 U.S. Highway 51 South, Dongola, Illinois, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, to consider nominees for election to the board of directors at the 2012 annual meeting of members.

The following committee members were appointed to the 2011-2012 Nominating Committee to represent their respective counties:

Alexander County

Delegate: Tim J. Pierce, 27753 State Highway 3, Thebes, IL 62990

Alternate: Robert Porter, 66 Eastwood Drive, McClure, IL 62957

Johnson County

Delegate: Betty Casey, 6855 State Route 146W, Buncombe, IL 62912

Alternate: Linda M. Wood, 4145 Indian Point Road, Vienna, IL 62995

Massac County

Delegate: Randy Wilke, 1389 Karnak Road, Karnak, IL 62956

Alternate: Josh Reagor, 398 Halstenberg Road, Karnak, IL 62956

Pulaski County

Delegate: Toby Oliver, 100 Fellowship Lane, Grand Chain, IL 62941

Alternate: Danny J. Thurston, 819 Sandusky Road, Pulaski, IL 62976

Union County

Delegate: Bruce Mosby, 1215 Bauer Road, Jonesboro, IL 62952

Alternate: Glenn Russell Heisner, 3605 Nash Road, Anna, IL 62906

The by-laws of the cooperative provide the nominations to the board of directors may be made by: (1) nominating committee, (2) petition received not less than 25 days prior to the actual meeting, signed by 15 or more active members, or (3) an active member from the floor at the annual meeting. The three year terms of the directors are expired alternately so that each year elections are held for a portion of the board. At the 2012 annual meeting, elections will be held for a director from each of these three counties: Massac, Pulaski and Union.

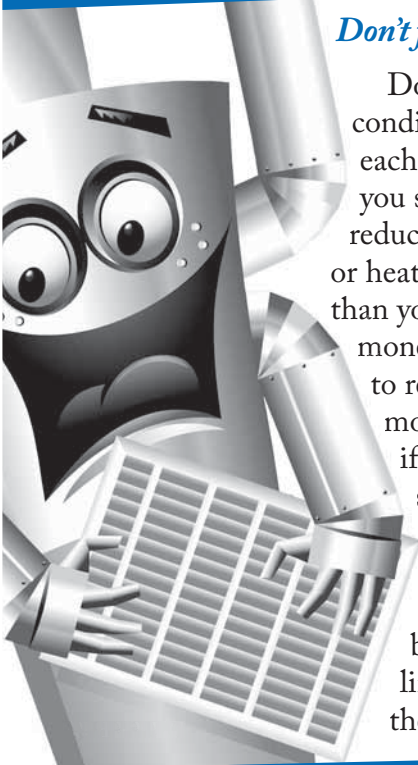


Mark your calendars

2012
Annual Meeting
Thursday, August 9
Shawnee
Community College
Ullin, Ill.

Energy Efficiency Tip

Don't forget to check the air filter



Do you check your furnace/air conditioner or heat pump's filter each month? Probably not, but you should. Dirty air filters will reduce your furnace/air conditioner or heat pump's efficiency levels more than you think, costing you more money. Chances are, you'll need to replace your filter every other month, or even more often if you have multiple pets or smoke indoors. You'll save more money in energy costs by replacing the filter as needed than trying to squeak by another month. Bottom line: Filters are cheap, change them often.

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Memorial Day

**Southern's office
will be closed May 28
in observance of Memorial Day**

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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.

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