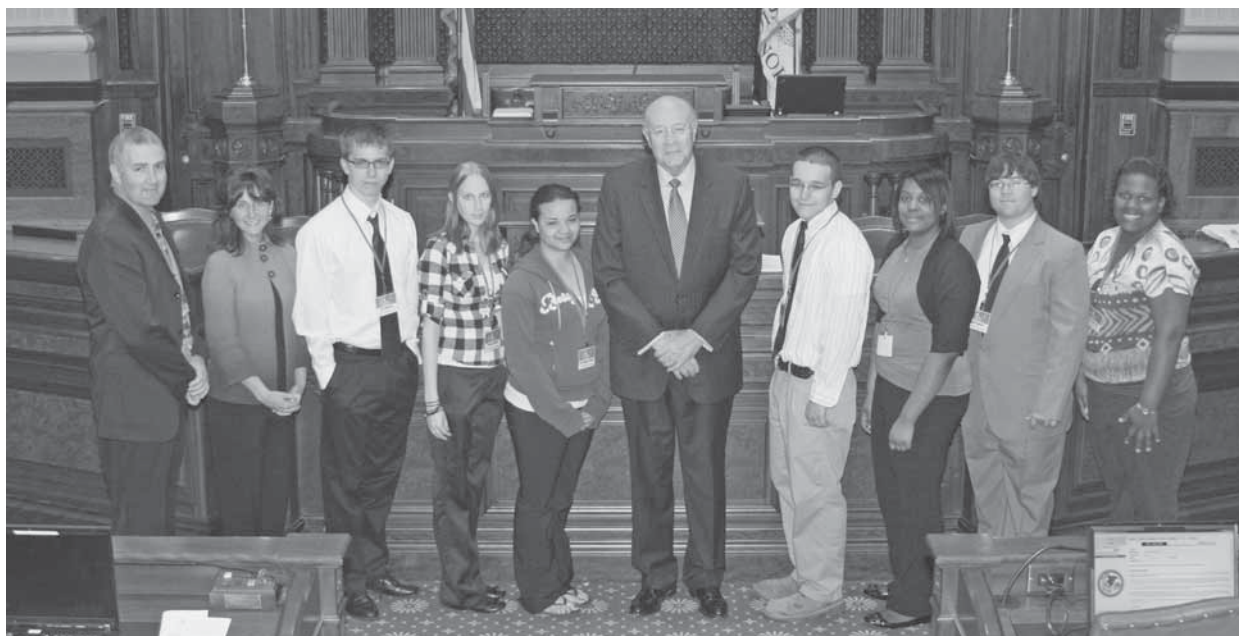


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Students meet with legislators in Springfield

Senator David Luechtefeld met with seven students representing Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 21, in Springfield. The students had an opportunity to view state government in action on probably one of the busiest days this year at the state capitol. More than 200 interest groups and an estimated 15,000 people converged on the statehouse to ask lawmakers to approve a tax hike in order to avoid major budget cuts. The students also heard from State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis during

their lunch break. **Mike G. Claunch**

Pictured from left are: SIEC Director of Member Services Chris Boyd, SIEC Director of Communication Jerri Schaefer, Eric Woolard of Jonesboro, Amber Watkins of Mounds, Dominique Schauer of Dongola, Sen. Luechtefeld, Steven Myers of Alto Pass, Brianna Wooten of Grand Chain, John Paulson of Thebes, and Neimoya Woods of Cairo.

The day was sponsored by the Illinois

electric and telephone co-ops and is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 246 students representing co-ops from across the state.



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HomE rebate program to begin

The Illinois electric co-ops are helping homeowner members to get efficient.

Through the HomE program, cooperative members who own their homes, can apply for a residential energy assessment, which makes them eligible for a series of rebates for efficiency upgrades they make to their home. The home must be served with electricity by an electric cooperative, and must be the member's primary residence.

The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives is distributing \$1.5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or stimulus funds to cooperative members through this program. The funds are being allocated evenly to members of 25 electric distribution cooperatives in the state.

How does the program work? Start by contacting Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative (SIEC) to arrange for a home energy assessment. There is a \$25 charge for this service. Then a cooperative representative will meet with you at your home and do an energy assessment. The cooperative will provide you with a written follow-up report that will make a series of recommendations on how you might improve your home's energy efficiency – saving money and valuable energy.

Then the next step is up to you. Based upon the recommendations made by the cooperative, you could be eligible for a rebate of up to \$1,500 per residence for improvements you make. Rebates are available for Energy Star-qualifying heating-cooling system upgrades and for installation of heat pump water heaters. Rebates are



also available for installation of insulation and weather stripping/sealing.

Rebate schedule:

Geothermal heat pump --	\$1,500
Air-source heat pump --	\$1,000
Central air conditioning --	\$350*
Natural gas or LP furnace --	\$350*
Heat pump water heater --	\$250
Insulation – 30 percent of project costs	

The maximum total grant is \$1,500 per cooperative member/residence. Grants will be approved for a central air or gas furnace upgrade, but not both.

All heating-cooling system upgrades must meet federal Energy Star standards in order to be eligible. In addition, federal tax credits may be available for installing energy efficient systems.

The HomE standards are:

Geothermal, closed loop:	14.1EER, 3.3 COP
Geothermal, open loop:	16.2 EER, 3.6 COP
Air-source heat pump:	16 SEER
Central air conditioning, split:	13 EER, 16 SEER
Gas furnace:	95 percent efficiency
Heat pump water heater:	2.0 energy factor

For more information about HomE, contact SIEC at 1-800-762-1400 or visit www.aiec.coop.

Rebates will be available until funds are exhausted.

If you would like to enter the 2010 Miss SIEC Beauty Pageant, please see Page 9 of this magazine for an entry form. Deadline for all entries is July 15.



Youth to Washington finalists

Steven Myers of Alto Pass and Brianna Wooten of Grand Chain were selected as the two finalists to attend the Youth to Washington program through Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. Myers and Wooten attended Youth Day in Springfield, Ill. in April and interviewed at a pizza party hosted by SIEC, among five other area high school juniors (see page 16a).

Myers will be a senior at Cobden High School in the fall and is the son of Paula Holderfield and Donald Myers, Jr. He plans on attending West Point Military Academy to earn a degree in engineering after high school graduation. He currently works at Burger King.

Wooten will be a senior at Century High School in the fall and is the daughter of Michael and Rita Wooten. She hopes to be accepted to an Ivy League college post graduation. Throughout high school Wooten has been



involved in Beta and Science Clubs, and Scholar Bowl.

Youth to Washington is scheduled for June 11-18 and is an all-expense paid tour of Washington, D.C. This tour has been a nationwide tradition of the electric cooperatives since 1957.

2010 Nominating Committee to meet June 10

Members to serve on the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee were appointed by G. Robert Inman, President of the Board of Directors, at the 2009 annual meeting of the members held August 6. The committee will meet at the cooperative headquarters, 7420 U.S. Highway 51 South, Dongola, Illinois, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, to consider nominees for election to the board of directors at the 2010 annual meeting of members. **David L. Richards**

The following committee members were appointed to the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee to represent their respective counties:

Alexander County

Delegate: Richard Walker, 1 Comanche Drive, McClure, IL 62957;

Alternate: Donald E. Masterson, 27222 Miller City Road, Olive Branch, IL 62969.

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: Orlis Harris, 7785 Waldo Church Road,

Brookport, IL 62910;

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

Pulaski County

Delegate: George Holhubner, P. O. Box 146, Olmsted, IL 62970;

Alternate: Robert Heisner, 473 Big Stone Church Road, Grand Chain, IL 62941.

Union County

Delegate: Glenn Heisner, 3605 Nash Road, Anna, IL 62906;

Alternate: Timothy Wayne Hammon, 9900 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, IL 62912.

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 2010 annual meeting, elections will be held for a director from each of these three counties: Alexander, Pulaski and Union.



Big truck celebration

Journeyman Lineman Nathan Menees and Apprentice Lineman Aaron Stover volunteered their time this year for the Union County Early Learning Program Cooperative's annual Big Truck Day on May 4. Children ages 0-5 visited the Anna City Park to meet drivers and explore various transportation vehicles. SIEC donated a bucket and digger derrick truck. Nathan and Aaron gave away candy and stickers to the children. Over 230 children attended the event with their families.

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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.

Wholesale power cost adjustment

The year-to-date wholesale power cost adjustment savings to members is
\$638,813

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