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August 4, 2011 at Shawnee
Community College, Ullin, IL

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Miss SIEC 2011 Pageant

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Door Prizes

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Registration
Bill Credit of \$15

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Entertainment

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Election of
Three Directors



Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting of Members

August 4, 2011

Registration: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. • Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m. ▶

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Doesn't everyone wish they had money sitting out there somewhere, unclaimed? You really may have unclaimed money, right here at the Co-op! Please check our website www.siec.coop for a list of unclaimed credit refunds.



We Want to Hear From You!

Every other year our Statewide Association, the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, conducts an anonymous statewide survey via mail to help us better understand our members and their needs. The survey will be conducted in 2011 and include questions focusing on your satisfaction with our service, your views on energy efficiency and renewable energy, how you use electricity and technology and about you and your family.

The survey responses will be returned to an impartial third party

who will only provide the cooperative and association with the tabulated results, not your identity. For your convenience, an online response option has been added this year.

If you receive a questionnaire, please complete and return it by the requested deadline. By participating, you'll be eligible to win one of five \$100 electric bill credits.

The target date for mailing questionnaires is mid-August.

Please contact us if you receive a questionnaire and have questions.

Lawana Simmons

See page 9 for Beauty Pageant Entry Form

Summer Safety



It's HOT this July, so what do kids want to do? You guessed it...play in the water! Please keep safety in mind this summer.

- Watch for overhead power lines when swimming and using equipment to clean out the pool, and keep all electronics away from the water to avoid electrocution.
- Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines

aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch

- Fly kites and model airplanes safely away from trees and overhead power lines. If a kite gets tangled in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Call SIEC for assistance.
- Never climb a utility pole or tower. Don't play on or around pad-mounted electrical equipment.

- Never go into an electric substation. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can kill you. Don't retrieve a toy or rescue a pet that goes inside. Again, call SIEC for assistance.

With the right amount of safety awareness, summer can be so much FUN!

Jack W. Richardson

Miss SIEC Crystal Davis

June 3, 2011

The current Miss SIEC Crystal Davis will be giving up her crown on Thursday, August 4 at the 2011 Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting and Beauty Pageant. Crystal is the daughter of Weldon and Debra Davis of Anna and attends Ware Methodist church. She recently graduated from Anna-Jonesboro High School and enjoys singing, dancing and acting. Crystal gave the following information in a recent interview:

What was it like being Miss SIEC this past year?

This past year as Miss SIEC was amazing. This was actually the first pageant I've competed in during high school. I was so nervous before this pageant and didn't expect to even place, much less win! It was an honor to hold the title of Miss SIEC; the pageant was so much fun as well as all the parades and pageants I attended as a "Visiting Queen". Also, I'm anxiously awaiting the youth trip to Washington D.C., I know this trip will be packed with fun and excitement and I'm expecting it to be the highlight of my year as Miss SIEC.

What advice can you offer the 2011 Miss SIEC queen contestants?

There are a few things I can think of for 2011 Miss SIEC contestants. First of all, be yourself and allow your personality to shine for the judges, they only have a certain amount of time during the interview to get to know you. Another thing, it's only natural to be nervous! I was literally shaking in my high heels! Don't let it get to you. Have confidence, keep your shoulders back and your chin up, and let that beautiful smile be seen. Self confidence shows

off your personality more because it helps you open yourself up to everyone. Last but not least, have fun! For me this pageant wasn't about winning, it was about trying to gain experience and confidence and have fun doing it. Like I said, this was my first real pageant and I had a blast ... Good luck ladies!

Please describe how you have benefited as Miss SIEC.

I have benefited from being Miss SIEC in several ways. As I mentioned earlier, I entered this pageant, not expecting to win but hoping to gain experience and confidence. This pageant helped me realize that I can do almost anything I set my mind to, with a little work and confidence. I really enjoyed meeting new people and experiencing all the opportunities that have opened up to me over the past year.

What activities have you been involved with this past year?

This has been a busy year for me, but nothing short of fantastic. It was my senior year and along with being Miss SIEC, I received 2nd runner up in the Miss Union County Fair pageant, I was Captain of the Anna Jonesboro (AJ) High School dance team, and played the part of Amneris in AJ's Musical "Aida". I have been an active member of Future Business Leaders of America and this year attended the state leadership conference at Decatur and had a blast.

This year was also special because I had the opportunity to sing at my Baccalaureate and Graduation, as well as being voted AJ's Prom Queen.



Photo courtesy of TD Photography

What are your college plans?

My college plans include working toward my Associates of Arts at Shawnee Community College. Then, I plan to transfer to SEMO to major in Public Communications.

What are your career plans?

My career plans are to work at a local broadcasting station and eventually work as a television broadcaster. **David E. Livesay**

Is there anything else you would like for our readers to know about you?

This spring I helped fill sand bags at Anna Heights Baptist Church. I felt so sorry for the people that were desperately trying to keep the water out of their homes. I think we should do everything we can to help our neighbors. Southern Illinois is a beautiful place with wonderful people and I am proud to call it home.

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**Our office will be closed Monday,
 July 4 for Independence Day.**

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.

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