

Look into HomE savings

President's Report



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During these cold winter months, you may find yourself in need of a new furnace after an unexpected breakdown. The expense of a new furnace isn't something any of us look forward to, but Spoon River Electric Cooperative has an incentive program in place to make it more affordable.

HomE has been very successful since its launch several months ago. Funded by federal stimulus money, HomE helps cooperative members find out how they can use energy more wisely in their homes. The program also provides rebates on qualifying geothermal, furnace, air conditioning and insulation/air sealing projects.

Many of our members have taken advantage of the HomE program, but there is still money available for your project. The first step to participation in the program is to schedule a walk-through energy audit for your home. The auditor will identify ways you can save money on your monthly energy bills.

If you decide to implement some of these changes, rebates may be available through HomE.

The program only covers projects on your primary residence, and new construction is not eligible. The goal of HomE is to take inefficient equipment out of service and replace it with newer models that use far less energy.



Interested?
To learn more, call our office
at (309) 647-2700.



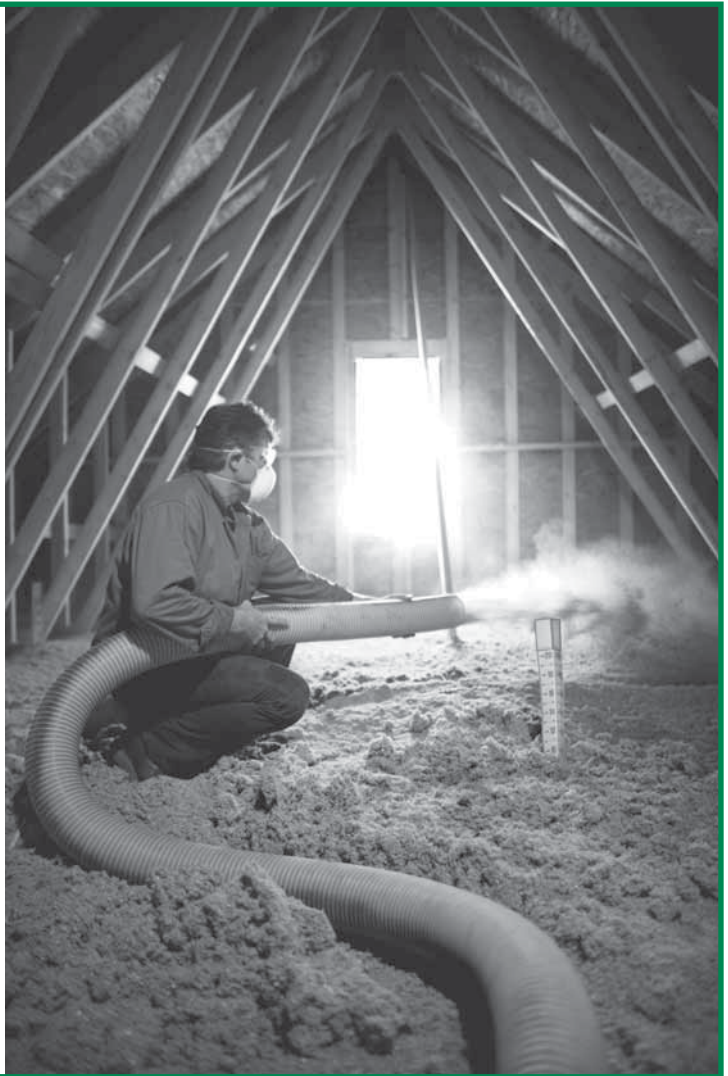
HomE funding available

Need to replace your old furnace?

Thinking of adding insulation to the attic?

Considering geothermal?

Call Spoon River Electric Cooperative at (309) 647-2700 today and learn how the HomE program can help pay for energy efficiency upgrades in your home.



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Spoon River Electric Cooperative – By the Numbers

Miles of line energized: 1,249 • Number of members served: 4,944

Number of power poles in territory: 29,255

Two longtime employees to retire at end of year

Sandy Barnes and Cheryl Marvel have a combined 45 years of service to the Cooperative

Barnes started her career at the Cooperative in 1987, as assistant cashier. She later worked as an engineering assistant, cashier and coordinator of American Storage.

When members call the Cooperative, the voice they hear on the other end of the phone is often Barnes'.

"I enjoy the interaction with members," she said. "I'll miss it. I'll also miss the people I work with."

Barnes and her husband Bob have two children. Their son Bob and his wife Diana, of Canton, have two children of their own: Kelsey and Cory. Their daughter Brandi, also of Canton, has a son, Braden.

More time with her grandchildren is something Barnes looks forward to about retirement. She and her husband also hope to travel.

Marvel is the supervisor of customer service. She started her career with Spoon River Electric Cooperative in 1988, as a billing clerk.

Marvel changed titles and offices over the years, but one thing that remained the same was her commitment to members.

"I've built some wonderful relationships with people," Marvel said. "It's nice when they call and ask for me."



Sandy Barnes



Cheryl Marvel

In addition to handling the Cooperative's billing, Marvel also reads meters through the Automated Meter Reading System at the Cooperative's headquarters.

Marvel and her husband Bill hope to travel and spend more time with family. The Marvels have two children: Brett, of Chicago, and Sarah, of Pekin.

She looks forward to retirement, Marvel said, and is grateful she got to work with such a good group of people over her years at the Cooperative.

"I'm going to miss the people, and the interaction with my members," she said.

Spoon River Electric Cooperative Chief Financial Officer and Office Manager Martha Pritchard said Barnes and Marvel will be missed.

"Sandy and Cheryl are so knowledgeable about the work they do here," she said. "They've both been very committed to our members, and they're like family to all of us in the office. I wish them both all the best in retirement."



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Feel around doors and windows for air flow. Adding weather stripping or caulk around a leaky door or window can lower energy bills by keeping your heating system from working too hard to compensate for air leaving your home.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy





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