

President's Report



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Be prepared for spring storms

Lightning from thunderstorms kills more people each year than tornadoes or hurricanes, according to the American Red Cross. As spring arrives, make sure you're prepared to handle storms that come with the changing season. Follow these tips from the Red Cross to stay safe.

Stay away from down power lines. Electricity could still be flowing through them. Report them to Spoon River Electric Cooperative at (309) 647-2700 immediately.

Hear thunder? Head inside. If you can hear it, you could be in danger from lightning. Stay indoors at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder — a recommendation from the National Weather Service. If you're outside and can't seek shelter indoors, avoid high ground, water, tall isolated trees, and metal objects like bleachers or fences.

Unplug your electronics. Avoid using electrical items and telephones, which can carry power surges.

Keep a battery-powered TV or radio on hand for weather updates.

Delay outdoor activities. If conditions are right for a thunderstorm, postpone the baseball game and stay inside — it doesn't have to be raining for lightning to strike.

Assemble an emergency preparedness kit with

- Water — one gallon per person, per day;
- Non-perishable food;
- Flashlight;
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (preferably NOAA weather radio) and extra batteries;
- First-aid kit;
- Seven-day medicine supply;
- Copies of personal documents;
- Cell phone with chargers;
- Emergency contact information; and
- Cash.



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Miller has new role at cooperative

Lisa Miller has joined the staff of Spoon River Electric Cooperative as supervisor of billing.

Miller is a familiar face to many Spoon River members because she worked at Spoon River Propane, a subsidiary of the cooperative, from 2000 until the recent sale of the business.

In her new role, Miller will handle billing and phone support for the cooperative. She will also continue handling billing and customer service for American Storage, a subsidiary of the cooperative.

Miller and her husband Rod live in rural Smithfield. They are the parents of three children: Kara, 28; Tyler, 25; and Kelly, 22. Kara and her husband Russell have a son, Hank, who is 1.



She looks forward to seeing familiar faces of members at the cooperative and to meeting some new ones, Miller said.

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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



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— our members —
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ATTENTION 2011-2012 SENIORS!

Spoon River Electric Cooperative is Awarding Three \$500 Scholarships to High School Seniors

High school students who are seniors during the 2011-2012 school year, and are the son or daughter of a Spoon River Electric member are eligible to apply for a \$500 Scholastic Scholarship, a \$500 Honorary Scholarship, and the Scott Parrish Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded at this year's Annual Meeting on June 14, 2012.

Fill out the form at the bottom of the page and send to the cooperative before **May 15, 2012**, to participate. Please see official rules and descriptions of scholarships below.

OFFICIAL RULES

- Applying students and their parent/legal guardian must be present at the Annual Meeting June 14, 2012, to win.
- Students must be a son or daughter of a Spoon River Electric Cooperative Member.
- Students must be a high school senior during the 2011/2012 school year and begin college undergraduate studies in the 2012/2013 school year.
- Students must plan on attending a two-year or four-year accredited college or university, including vocational/technical schools.
- Scholarship winners must be full-time students (at least 12 hours) during the 2012-2013 academic year.
- Scholarships are for one year and are non-renewable.
- Past Spoon River Electric Cooperative scholarship winners are not eligible to receive another one.

SCHOLASTIC AND SCOTT PARRISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Scholastic and Scott Parrish Memorial Scholarships will be awarded based on an application detailing GPA, college entrance test scores, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, and a biographical statement.
- Semi-finalists will be notified by mail with a time and place for a personal interview.
- Those not chosen as semi-finalists for the Scholastic and Parrish Scholarships will be automatically placed in the Honorary Scholarship drawing.

HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

- The Honorary Scholarship will be awarded by a drawing as students are recognized at the Annual Meeting.
- All applicants are eligible for the Honorary Scholarship drawing except the Scholastic and Parrish Scholarship winners.

	<h2>Scholarship Participation Request</h2>
Name of Student _____	Return To: Brenda Rothert Spoon River Electric Cooperative PO Box 340 Canton, IL 61520 647-2700
Address of Student _____	
Name of Parent/Guardian _____	
Telephone Number _____	
Scholarship Applying For: Scholastic* _____ Honorary _____	
<small>*Those applying for the Scholastic Scholarship will receive an additional form in the mail regarding scholastic achievement.</small>	