

Save money on energy efficiency

President's Report



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I often use this space to tout the savings you can realize by being more energy efficient. Saving energy saves you money. And this is a great time to make changes that will make your home more energy efficient, because we have a new program that will help pay for it.

Through the HomE program, our members can get walk-through energy assessments of their homes for \$25. Our assessor will look at several things, including the items in members' homes that use the most electricity, such as the heating and cooling system. He will return a written form to members recommending changes they can make to save money on bills. If those changes are implemented within 60 days, members will be eligible for a rebate of up to \$1,500.

New, energy-efficient furnaces and air conditioners can qualify for rebates of \$350. Geothermal heat pumps can qualify for rebates of \$1,500. Insulation and air sealing can qualify for rebates of 30 percent of the total project cost, with a cap of \$500.

You can talk to our staff members for complete program details, but I think



you can see from what I've mentioned that this program has great potential to save our members money. It's being funded by a statewide American Recovery and Reinvestment Act award of \$1.5 million, and the program will run until funding is exhausted.

Since there are also other incentives to upgrading your heating and cooling equipment, such as tax credits, this is a great time to move forward with projects.

This program is not for new construction, only existing homes qualify. Homes must be the primary residence

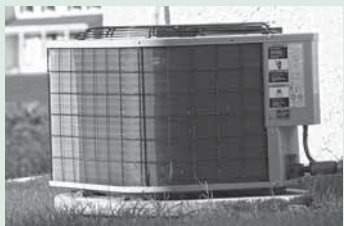
of Spoon River Electric Cooperative members and must be served by the cooperative. Those who qualify for the LIHEAP program are not eligible for HomE, but we would be glad to help connect LIHEAP-eligible members with programs that may provide them with other assistance.

To learn more about HomE, please call us today at (309) 647-2700.



It's Clean and Check time

Beat the summer heat by getting your air conditioner serviced today!



Call Spoon River Mechanical Services at (309) 647-3450 and schedule your Clean and Check. A service technician will clean the unit and ensure all parts are in optimal working condition. He will run the unit to ensure it is operating at peak efficiency. A Clean and Check today can prevent costly repairs during the hottest days of summer. Call today and let Spoon River Mechanical take care of yours!

2010 Fulton County Fair Schedule

Located at Fulton County Fairgrounds in Lewistown, Illinois

Monday, July 26

6 p.m. – Talent contest

7 p.m. – Queen contest

Tuesday, July 27

4:30 p.m. – Harness races

3 p.m. – Illinois Winery Wine Tasting

Wednesday, July 28

12 p.m. – Gates open for Motorcross races

6 p.m. – Motorcross races start

Thursday, July 29

10 a.m. – 4-H/FFA horse show

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Kids Day

3 p.m. – Livestock Auction

6 p.m. – Scrambles

Friday, July 30

3 p.m. – Kids Tractor Pull

6 p.m. – 11 p.m. – kids rides

6 p.m. – Tractor & 4x4 Truck Pulls

Saturday, July 31

11 a.m. – Beef cook-off contest judging

6:30 p.m. – Demo Derby

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Buddy Day – buy a ticket and your buddy rides free



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8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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



ATTENTION 2010-2011 SENIORS!

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

High school students who are seniors during the 2010-2011 school year, and are the son or daughter of a Spoon River Electric member, are eligible to apply for a \$500 Scholastic Scholarship or a \$500 Honorary Scholarship, awarded by the cooperative at this year's Annual Meeting held on September 2, 2010.

Fill out the form at the bottom of the page and send to the cooperative before August 24, 2010, 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 September 2, 2010, 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 2010/2011 school year and begin college undergraduate studies in the 2011/2012 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 2011-2012 academic year.
- Scholarships are for one year and non-renewable.

SCHOLASTIC SCHOLARSHIP

- The Scholastic Scholarship 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.
- Five semi-finalists will be chosen from the scholastic application forms received.
- 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 Scholarship 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 Scholarship winner.



Scholarship Participation Request

Name of Student

Address of Student

Name of Parent/Guardian

Telephone Number

Scholarship Applying For: Scholastic* Honorary

Return To: Brenda Rothert
Spoon River Electric Cooperative
PO Box 340
Canton, IL 61520
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*Those applying for the Scholastic Scholarship will receive an additional form in the mail regarding scholastic achievement.

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