

## Local efforts make fairgrounds safer

### President's Report



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President/CEO

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Thanks to the hard work of our community-minded employees, the future looks brighter for the Fulton County Fair.

Last month many Spoon River Electric Cooperative employees volunteered their time at the county fairgrounds in Lewistown to begin an upgrade of the electrical system there. This project will make the system safer and more reliable. Lines which hung overhead were buried underground. New, energy-efficient fixtures were added to common areas, increasing lighting at the fairgrounds at night.

Many area businesses and individuals stepped up to fund this project. I've listed them here, and I hope that when you're doing business, you'll consider supporting these places that support our community.

It's gratifying to see the people who work here volunteer their time to help their neighbors. Everyone worked hard, but a couple of people stood

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*Spoon River Electric Cooperative Lineman Donnie Schrodt (in bucket truck), Manager of Operations Frank Romane (left) and President/CEO Bill Dodds discuss an electrical upgrade project underway at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Lewistown. The project will provide safer, more reliable electricity at the fairgrounds.*

# 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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### 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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out on this project. Our Manager of Operations Frank Romane designed the project plans. He spent a lot of his own time making sure the fairgrounds will have a safe, reliable system. And our Manager of Buildings and Inventory, Jon Hedges, helped raise money to make the project happen.

I also have to mention our outstanding group of linemen, who did the hardest work of all. They labored in the summer sun to make sure we got the grandstand phase of the project done for this year's fair.

At the grandstand, low-hanging guy wires that supported the old poles really concerned me. When I watched fair events at the grandstand in past years, I saw kids hanging on them, which made the wires bounce. If the wires would have fallen on the aluminum bleachers at the grandstand, people could have been badly hurt.

This was just the first phase of the project. In phase 2, the amount of electrical load the system can handle will be increased, reducing outages. We'll also get more wire under-

ground and continue upgrading light fixtures.

Ameren serves the Fulton County Fairgrounds, and the company has been supportive of this project. The electrical system inside the fairgrounds is owned and maintained by the Fulton County Fair Board, which hasn't had the funding for electrical upgrades.

Even though the fairgrounds property is outside Spoon River Electric's territory, this is a worthwhile project that will benefit members and others in the community.

I'm looking forward to this year's fair, where we'll have a booth with Spoon River Mechanical and Spoon River Propane. I also enjoy watching events, such as the Fulton County Fair Queen pageant, at the grandstand. If you see me there, please stop and say hello.

Commitment to community is important to cooperatives. The Fulton County Fair is something that so many people here look forward to every year, and if we can make it safer and more enjoyable that's a rewarding thing for all of us.

### Fulton County Fairgrounds Electrical Project Donors

- Capital Resources Development Company
- Black Nugget LLC – Greg Arnett
- American Grille
- Bank of Farmington
- Gary Barnhart
- Connor Company – Eric Knott
- Joe's Place
- Davis Buick-Pontiac-GMC
- Davis Ford
- Farmers State Bank
- Fletcher-Reinhardt Company
- Ipava State Bank
- Kinsel Excavating Inc.
- Kiesewetter Insurance
- MidAmerica National Bank
- Hitchcock Scrap Yard
- Fulton FS
- State Rep. Mike Smith
- State Farm – Chuck Taylor
- Trane – Angie McCann
- United Utility Supply
- Vermeer Midwest, Inc.
- Nick and PeeWee Viano
- Wells Fargo
- Davis Sand and Gravel

**\$1 Off**  
**Refill of a 20-lb.  
propane cylinder**

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# ATTENTION 2010-2011 SENIORS!

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

**H**igh 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  
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\*Those applying for the Scholastic Scholarship will receive an additional form in the mail regarding scholastic achievement.