

WIEC NEWS

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From the manager:

This is a business ... you own it.

I'd like to personally invite you to WIEC's Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 23 at the Hancock County Extension Center. It provides the opportunity to visit with the Directors, employees and myself. This year we have a host of things to do before the meeting. There are dilly bars, chips and pop to enjoy while visiting with friends and neighbors. You can visit the Air Evac and GreenUp Technology information booths and have your blood pressure taken. Be

sure to check out the Prairie Power Inc. (PPI) Energy Efficiency Wall. This 18 ft. display illustrates what makes a home energy efficient. (For more information about "The Wall", see page 16c)

This is a business that belongs to you, the member. You own it. When you pay your light bill, you are paying for a service from a business that you actually own. Any profits left over after the cost of providing that service are returned to you. You receive these profits back later as a capital credit check. As owner of the business, you actually get to choose the people who control the utility. At this year's meeting, Janet Spory and Rob Gronewold are up for re-election. During the business portion of the meeting, members will hear about their cooperative from the board president, board

secretary-treasurer and me.

For entertainment this year, we have invited Brent Olson, an award-winning journalist who tells humorous stories of life in the country. He's a correspondent for Successful Farming's online magazine, columnist for "Living the Country Life", author, pork producer, farmer and grandfather. We urge you to come and listen as he spins his tales. We think you will enjoy his humor.

As you can see, there will be lots going on at this year's meeting. All registered members will receive a \$10 bill credit and their name will be included in a drawing for attendance prizes. Who knows, you may even win \$100!

See you the 23rd.

Paul

Still undecided??

Are you still undecided about attending our Annual Meeting? Maybe these great prizes will help.

There are five grand prizes of \$100.

Other prizes include:

- \$25 Wal-mart Gift Card • \$25 Cash
- 12" Oscillating fan • Smoke alarm
- \$25 gift certificate to the Hawkeye Spices • an Oil Change.

Plus registered members will receive a \$10 bill credit on their July bills. We invite you to come in and look over the gift table in the lobby. Additional prizes are coming in daily.



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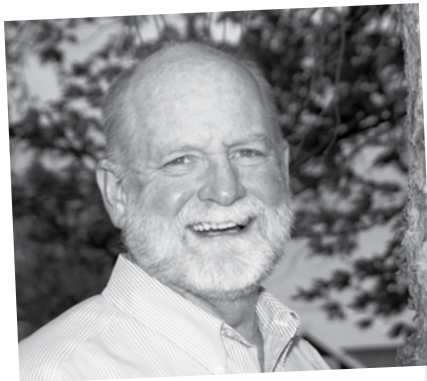
- **Rob Gronewold** —
President, Carthage
- **Jay Morrison** —
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- **Janet Spory** —
Secretary/Treasurer, Sutter
- **William R. Newton** —
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Office Manager

MAP LOCATION CONTEST

Every month we are printing four member's map location numbers in the newsletter. If you find your map location number call the WIEC office by the 25th of the following month, tell us where it is and we will give you a \$10.00 bill credit. Keep on reading the WIEC News.



Brent Olson
2011 WIEC Annual Meeting Speaker

Brent Olson will make you laugh. But with a resume that stretches from being on the first board of the Big Stone County Pork Producers to a member of the International Federation of Agricultural Journalists, he'll do a lot more than that. Come and enjoy as this farmer, grandfather, and award winning journalist explores the common threads of humor and humanity that bind us together.

Can't make it to Annual Meeting?

You can still make your vote count and maybe win a \$10 bill credit.

If you can't come to the WIEC annual meeting on June 23, you can still make your vote count. There are two things you can do. Either find someone who can attend and put their name on the (7715-39) first line of the proxy card, sign the card and give it to them. Or you can bring in your signed proxy card to the office and we

can give it to an attendee the night of the meeting. Either way your vote will count!

All members who sign their proxy to use at annual meeting will be entered into a drawing for a chance at a \$10 bill credit. Five \$10 bill credits will be given away.

Kids - Learn the basics of wiring and electricity

Sign up for the 4-H Electricity School



The 2011 4-H Electricity School is co-sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension and Western Illinois Electrical Coop.

Participants will be divided into groups depending on their wiring and electrical experience. WIEC electrician Mark Kissinger will help beginning students learn the basic techniques. The more advanced students will make projects that will challenge them as well. All students will take part in skill sessions. The cost (7526-52) of the class will be \$10 which is the cost for materials only.

Students should bring a flat head screwdriver, pliers with a wire cutter, a wire stripper and a pocket knife (with parental consent.)

Who: Children ages 8-18 who live in Hancock or Henderson County. Students do not have to be a member of 4-H to attend.

When: Friday, June 24 from 9 -10:30 a.m.

Where: Hancock County Extension Center in Carthage.

To register or for more information, contact the Extension office at 217-357-2150.

Nominating committee meets

Ten members of Western Illinois Electrical Coop. were appointed to the 2011 nominating committee. The committee met at the WIEC office on March 29 and April 5 to make nominations for directors. Two directors will be elected at the cooperative's annual meeting on June 23, 2011.

Those attending were Tom Anderson, Carman; Spencer Berry, Nauvoo; Ned D. Woolverton, Niota; Mike Tracy, Carthage; Robert Menn, Plymouth; Gary Akers, Carthage; Max Roskamp and Todd Beeler, Sutter.

The nominations have been posted at the Carthage office, as stipulated by the cooperative's by-laws. Any nominations made by petition will be included on the official ballot if



they are brought to the WIEC office at least 10 days before the meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

The following were nominated for director positions:

District 6 – Robert Gronewold, Carthage
District 7 – Janet Spory, Sutter

The Energy Efficiency Wall

Consumer-member education on “What Makes a Home Energy Efficient?” is the theme of Prairie Power, Inc’s (PPI’s) “Energy Efficiency Wall” constructed and utilized by PPI and its member cooperatives, including Western Illinois Electrical Cooperative in Carthage, IL. The 16-foot “Energy Efficiency Wall” illustrates various opportunities for air infiltration or leakage within the common home due to poor construction practices and materials. The display addresses *energy efficient construction*

practices and materials, and energy efficient equipment and technologies.

The proper use of caulking around penetration points in the home’s external walls, such as window and door openings, gas, water, AC and heating system fuel lines and ventilation systems, and the selection and installation of energy efficient insulation materials, ventilation equipment and lighting systems are just a few of the energy efficient items illustrated in the “Wall.”

Utilizing the displays at member cooperatives’ annual (7815-56)

membership meetings, NRECA and Touchstone Energy regional events, community college workshops, home-builder shows, county fairs and other events ... over 358,000 consumers have been exposed to the educational opportunities of the “Energy Efficiency Wall” in 2009.

This will be on display before and after the Annual Meeting. Be sure to come early so you can take in all this free information that this display has to offer.

Welcome New Members

Evelyn Briley, Carthage
Richardo Brandon, Niota
Matthew Crowner, Niota
Rachel & Kurt Davis, Carthage
Joe L & Jan Gutting, LaHarpe

Harnetiaux Farms by Lester
Harnetiaux, Hamilton
Jessica Rutherford & Bryan Burford,
LaHarpe
Jerry & Marilyn Thompson, Carthage
Darin & Rebecca Wear, Loraine

The WIEC office
will close at
noon on Friday,
June 24th.

WIEC's 2010 Allocation of Margins

Notices to be mailed out in June

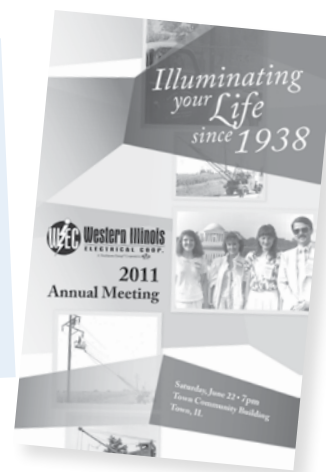
One of the benefits of belonging to a cooperative is that any monies left over after expenses are paid would be allocated back to the members in the form of capital credits. WIEC will send letters to members in July informing them of their portion

of the previous year's margins.

Remember, capital credits are held by the cooperative and will be returned to the member when Western Illinois Electrical Coop's Board of Directors decides that the co-op is strong enough financially to do so. The notice

is for our members' information only and does not need any action on their part. Please do not pay the allocation amount or subtract (8620-54) this amount from the bill. If there are any questions, please call our office.

Watch for the Annual Meeting Notice in your mailbox. It will contain the registration card, proxy card, and other important information. To save time, please bring the registration card to annual meeting!



WIEC announces "Youth to Washington" Tour Winners

Two students win trip of a lifetime

WIEC will send two students to Washington, DC to join thousands of other high school students from all over the U.S. Jacey Hartweg, daughter of Brad and Kim Hartweg, Hamilton and Sabina Berry, daughter of Elgin and Gaby Berry, Nauvoo won the trip through the WIEC Youth to Washington WebQuiz. They will spend the week of June 10-17 visiting historically significant national sites, touring some of the most moving memorials and browsing the campus of our nation's capital. During their time in D.C., they will attend opening night of "Wicked" at the Kennedy Center and visit the White House. And those are just a few of the things that are planned. Many participants refer to it "as a trip of a lifetime".

In addition to visiting our nation's capital, Sabina and Jacey also earned a trip to Springfield for Youth Day on

April 6. They met with Rep. Norine Hammond and Sen. John Sullivan. They toured the state capitol, visited the Supreme Court building and the Old State Capital. They also explored the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

During their time at the Capitol, Secretary of State Jesse White talked to the group and spoke of the importance of organ donation. Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon also met with the group.



WIEC congratulates Jacey and Sabina!

