

WIEC NEWS

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Don't compare your electric bills

Every family's usage is unique

Summer is here and you just received your electric bill. You are surprised it is higher than normal. Your first reaction is to call your neighbor to see if their bill increased as much as yours, but don't do it.

Before comparing, please remember that your home is not your neighbor's home; your family is not your neighbor's family. Lifestyles, appliances, and the number of people in household can all cause a huge difference in usage. Also the type of insulation, the age of heating system and even the number of windows can have an impact.

Keep in mind these things can influence usage:

- square footage of a home
- number of people living in the home
- length of time people are in the home
- direction the home faces
- number, size and age of water heaters
- height of ceiling
- type, number and age of electric appliances in use
- age and type of HVAC equipment

Comparing your electric bill with someone (4617-41) else would be like comparing your grocery bill. Everyone eats differently just like everyone consumes electricity differently. It doesn't make sense.



WIEC member earns \$10 bill credit

Reading WIEC News was the key to success

Virginia Huls, Hamilton, won a \$10 bill credit by finding her map location number in the April Issue of the WIEC News. By simply seeing her map number and then calling our office, she earned a \$10 bill credit.

Every month, there are four map location numbers hidden inside the WIEC News. If you find your map location number, call our office and we will apply a \$10 bill credit on your next bill.

You will find this number on your bill on the top line near the middle. Remember, you can't win if you don't look!

Welcome New Members

Kathleen S Boddeker, Niota
 Travis & Kristen Cook, Carthage
 Brandon Dallefeld, Adair
 Erik Faul, Dallas City
 Douglas L Hampton, Nauvoo
 Jenks Family Farms, % Jill Jenks, Monmouth
 Robyn Johnson, Loraine
 Marine Bank & Trust, Carthage
 Amy N & Jimmy E. Palmisano, West Point
 Michael K Plant, Sutter
 Jennifer Snyder, Niota
 Richard Wheatley, Lomax
 Krista M Willdrick, Lomax

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Monday - Friday

DURING OFFICE HOURS, OR AFTER HOURS TO REPORT OUTAGE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Rob Gronewold —
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- Jay Morrison —
Vice President, Niota
- Janet Spory —
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Director, Basco
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- Tommie Long —
Manager of Operations
- Becky Dickinson —
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.

Don't hide the big green box

They are big. They are usually green. They sit on a pad in your yard. They are not the prettiest yard ornament in the world and homeowners may be tempted to hide the pad mounts behind (3715-49) landscaping, fencing or shrubs. Please don't.

Western Illinois Electrical Coop. recommends leaving at least 10 feet of clear space in front of pad-mount transformers. In case of an outage, a lineman may need to open that green box to restore service. It is also a good idea to leave at least 3 feet of space around the other three sides of the pad-mount for easy access in case of an outage.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month



Use the moisture sensor feature on your clothes dryer if it has one. This option shuts down the dryer when clothes are dry. In addition, clean the lint filter after each load. This (483-3) improves air circulation and increases the dryer's efficiency.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

71st Annual Meeting recap

Western Illinois Electrical Coop. welcomed over 300 members, families and guests to its 71st Annual Meeting held at the Hancock County Extension Center on June 24.

All registered members received a \$10 bill credit. Before the meeting, members could visit with Randy Sprunger of Air Evac, talk with Bill Buchanan about the Home Energy Audits or have their blood pressures checked by the Hancock County Health Dept. A new "visitor" to the building was a temporary air conditioner that kept all attendees cool and (4514-2) comfortable.

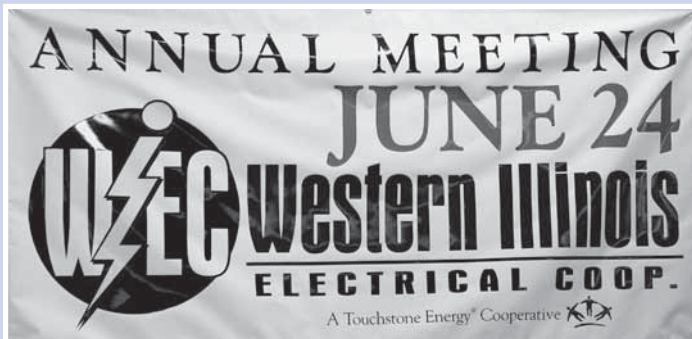
During the business meeting, Dave Biery and Calvin Baumann were re-elected to the board. Members heard from Manager Paul Dion about the work ethic of the WIEC employees. Throughout all the years WIEC has been here and for the future years to come, the employees follow the belief "owned by those we serve".

During the meeting, 17 different vendors donated prizes that were given away. At the end of the meeting, five \$100 bills were given away. Be sure to check out page 16d for more details.

Entertainment for the evening was Terry Fleck, the attitude doctor. The audience laughed as Terry shared stories of his life and experiences while stressing the importance of keeping a positive attitude.



Directors Calvin Baumann (District 4) and Dave Biery (District 5) were re-elected to the board. After the meeting, the Directors reorganized and re-elected Rob Gronewold as President, Jay Morrison as Vice-President, Janet Spory as Secretary-Treasurer and Bill Newton as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.



Annual Meeting door prize winners

GIFT	DONOR	RECIPIENT
Remote Control Helicopter	AIR EVAC % RANDY SPRUNGER	Mary Harnetiaux
Carhartt Collapsible Cooler	BROWNDUCK	Helen Christine Carle
Carhartt Work Flex Rain Poncho	BROWNDUCK	Wilbur Mixer
Carhartt Camp Stool	BROWNDUCK	Max Gronewold
Basket of Different Spices	BROWNSTOWN	Dorothy Whitaker
\$25.00 Walmart Gift Card	BENNETT & MIDDENDORF, LTD.	Elaine Gronewold
\$25.00 Walmart Gift Card	BENNETT & MIDDENDORF, LTD	Ned Woolverton
\$25.00 Walmart Gift Card	BENNETT & MIDDENDORF, LTD	Gene Hartweg
\$25.00 Walmart Gift Card	BENNETT & MIDDENDORF, LTD	Arden Bollin
Gift Certificate for 1 oil change	CARSON FORD, INC	Keith Frakes
\$25.00 Walmart Gift Card	C & S TESTING, WILLARD WIGGERS	Darrell Chaney
Folding Bag Chair	FLETCHER-REINHARDT COMPANY	Lester Markey
\$25.00 Electric Bill Credit	GreenUp Technology/Bill Buchanan	Briscoe Menke
\$25.00 Electric Bill Credit	GreenUp Technology/Bill Buchanan	Ann VanAusdall
\$50.00 Electric Bill Credit	HEINTZ ELECTRIC	Donald Vaughn Farms
Gift Certificate for 1 Spin Balance & Tire Rotation	J & R TIRE SERVICE, INC	Roberta Bruenger
Folding Bag Chair	MARINE BANK & TRUST	Doris McElroy
\$25 Cash	PETERS HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING	Sharon Barr
Candle	RIDDERS BUSINESS SUPPLY	William Greenig
Backpack Sprayer	UAP/ TIMBERLAND, Terry Allen	Harold Massie
\$25 Gift Card to Sears	UNITED UTILITY SUPPLY COOPERATIVE	Eugene Thorell
2 Hats & 1 Shirt	VERMEER	Rosella Moormann
2 Hats & 1 Shirt	VERMEER	Connie Neill
Toy Loader	VERMEER	Vern Comstock
\$25.00 Gift Certificate	WEBER MEATS, INC	Helen Vass

WIEC would like to thank our vendors for graciously providing door prizes for our Annual Meeting.

Grand prize winners

GIFT	DONOR	RECIPIENT
GRAND PRIZE #1 \$100 CASH	WIEC	Robert McHugh
GRAND PRIZE #2 \$100 CASH	WIEC	Harold Huls
GRAND PRIZE #3 \$100 CASH	WIEC	Tim Etter
GRAND PRIZE #4 \$100 CASH	WIEC	Loren Dowdall
GRAND PRIZE #5 \$100 CASH	WIEC	Richard Wood

