


WIEC NEWS

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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

WIEC holds 16th Annual Safety Fair

Kids learn to live smart, keep safe and have fun

On Sept. 29, 200 fifth graders from five elementary schools in WIEC's service territory descended on the north edge of Carthage for the 16th Annual Safety Fair. Students heard about different

safety topics, including electrical safety, (3923-9) bike safety, Internet safety, weather, farm safety and emergency preparedness.

If you know a fifth grader that

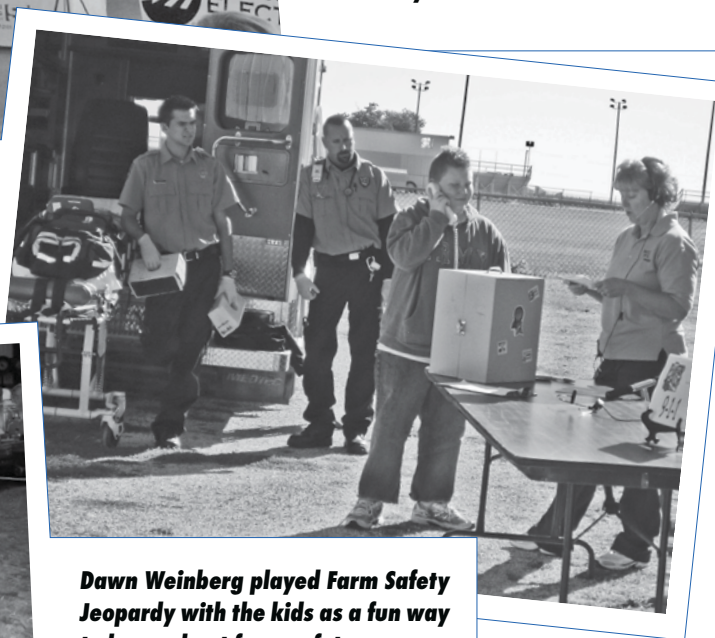
attended, ask them what they learned. One teacher commented that all the sessions were informational and it was a worthwhile field trip.

Here is a glimpse of the day!



Kyle Finley of Live Line Demo brought a miniature electrical system to the Fair to help explain how electricity is delivered to homes and farms. One of the points he stressed to the kids was that if they were in an accident involving power lines to stay in the car.

Marie Hopp, 9-1-1 coordinator simulated what happens in real life when 9-1-1 is called. There was even an ambulance on hand to simulate what they might do if the situation calls for it.



Dawn Weinberg played Farm Safety Jeopardy with the kids as a fun way to learn about farm safety.





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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.



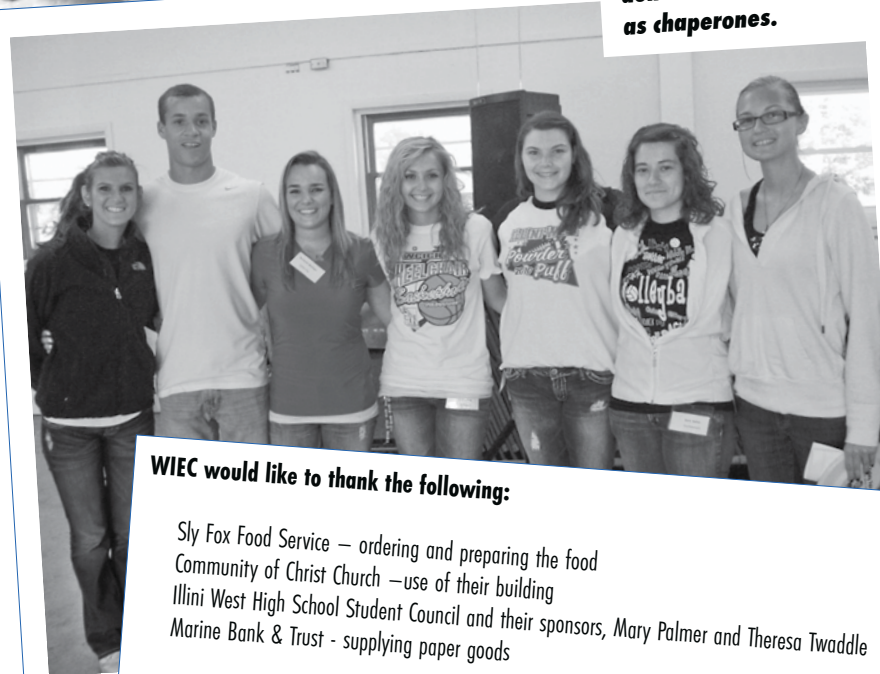
Safety Fair (cont.)

What makes this line-man's belt so heavy? The kids had a "hands on" session with our line-men's gear.



Here is a glimpse of WIEC's very own lunch ladies. It takes many hands to feed 200 fifth graders plus teachers, plus presenters, plus bus drivers.

To keep the fair running on time and answer any questions, these Illini West Student Council members acted as chaperones.



WIEC would like to thank the following:

- Sly Fox Food Service — ordering and preparing the food
- Community of Christ Church — use of their building
- Illini West High School Student Council and their sponsors, Mary Palmer and Theresa Twaddle
- Marine Bank & Trust - supplying paper goods

We would also like to thank the following presenters for donating their time:

- State Trooper Dan Leezer
- Master Sergeant Ron Grant
- Marin Stofert of the National Weather Service
- Carthage Clipper Fire Dept.
- Dawn Weinberg, University of Illinois Extension
- Maria Hopp, 9-1-1 coordinator
- Hancock Co. Ambulance Service

Thank You

WIEC offices will be closed

- Thursday, Nov 11 - in observance of Veterans Day.
 - Thursday, Nov 25 - in observance of Thanksgiving.
- WIEC office will be open Friday, Nov 26.

As always, in case of power emergencies, call 217-357-3125 or 1-800-576-3125.

Please wait and call for questions concerning billing, payment arrangements, capital credits or other non-emergency matters until normal business hours.



Welcome New Members

Steve & Linda Barry, Stronghurst
Larry Boughton, Stronghurst
Jeremy Carter, Niota
Mark K. Cole, Lomax
Brian Hamilton, Niota
Whitney Harris, Dallas City
Chelsea Hopp, Hamilton

William A. & Roberta L. Lash, Pekin
Kelly J. Logan, West Point
Lonesome Acres, LLC, Carthage
Nauvoo Country Lodge, Nauvoo
Jason Scheetz, Niota
Karen Zeien, Carthage



Daylight Savings Time

November 7 marks the end of Daylight Savings Time. Move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed November 6.



Energy Efficient Rebates Available!

With the Home program, you can earn up to \$1500 in rebates for making energy efficient improvements to your home. Call WIEC at 217-357-3125 OR 888-576-3125 for more details. Below is a listing of upgrades that qualify:

- \$1,500 – Geothermal heat pumps closed loop (14.1 EER or 3.3 COP)
- \$1,500 – Geothermal heat pumps open loop (16.2 EER or 3.6 COP)
- \$1,000 – Air source heat pumps (16 SEER)
- \$350 – Natural Gas or LP furnace (95% efficiency)
- \$350 – Central air conditioner (16 SEER)
- \$250 – Heat pump water heater (2.0 Energy Factor)
- 30% of cost of insulation and weatherization (max of \$500)

Maximum rebate per household is \$1,500. Installation of improvements and corresponding paperwork must be given to WIEC by December 15, 2010.

*Some money still available
but act quickly!!!*



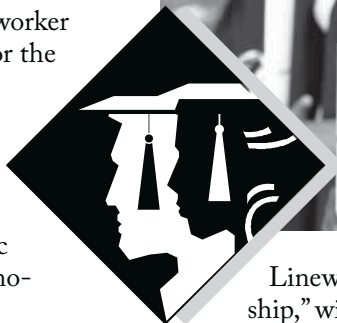
Eight 2011 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

Paul M. Dion, manager of Western Illinois Electrical Coop. has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives will again in 2011 award seven academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the "electric cooperative family." In addition, a new eighth scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will be offered for the first time.

The eight scholarships of \$1,250 each will be awarded in 2011 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Four scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A fifth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee. The sixth and seventh scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

A new eighth annual scholarship, the "LaVern and Nola McEntire



Lineworker's Scholarship," will be awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$1,250 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with (8518-60) Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. LaVern McEntire served as a lineman for McDonough Power Electric Cooperative from 1949 until 1991. He and his wife, Nola, helped to endow and establish the new scholarship to financially assist deserving individuals in becoming trained lineworkers. Relatives of co-op employees or directors are eligible for the lineworker's scholarship, as are individuals who have

served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

"We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships," says Dion. "Western Illinois Electrical Coop. and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one.

In addition, we are very pleased to offer the new electric lineworker's scholarship. It will benefit not only electric cooperative youth but also those fine men and women who have served their country through their military service and may now be wanting to become a trained lineworker."

For more information regarding the scholarships, call the WIEC's office. All necessary (10526-47) paperwork has also been sent to area high school guidance counselors and is also available for download at the cooperative's website at www.wiec.net.

WIEC has had three scholarship winners

Since 1998, Western Illinois Electrical Coop. has had three winners of the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperative Memorial Scholarship.

They are Mark Hoemmen, Dallas City, (1998); Debra Meyer, Warsaw (2001) and Mark Buss, Bowen, (2010). (282-22)

We are very proud of these

young people and urge all college-bound seniors to consider entering this contest. College is expensive and scholarships like this can help ease the financial impact.

Go to wiec.net for Scholarship rules and application