


WIEC NEWS

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Director nomination and election process

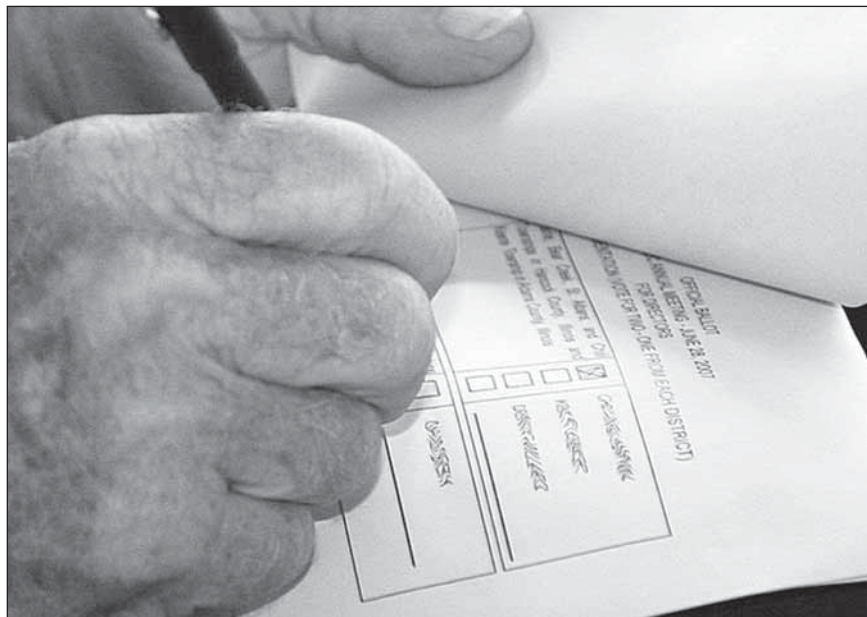
In accordance with Article IV, Section 4, of your cooperative's by-laws, a nominating committee must be appointed between 30 and 120 days prior to the Annual Meeting of Members (June 27, 2013).

Directors shall be elected by and from the membership by ballot and shall serve for a term of three years, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. The terms of directors from Districts #4 and #5 will expire this year.

District No. 4, currently represented by Calvin Baumann, is St. Albans, Chili, Bear Creek, and Prairie Townships in Hancock County, Illinois, and the cooperative's service area in Adams County, Illinois, lying south of St. Albans and Chili Townships.

District No. 5, currently represented by David K. Biery, is Carthage, Pilot Grove, and (9612-18-1) Fountain Green Townships in Hancock County, Illinois, and the cooperative's service area in Hire Township in McDonough County, Illinois.

The nominating committee must post a list of nominations at the cooperative office at least 20 days before the annual meeting. Any 15 cooperative members may act together and nominate another member by petition. These nominations will be posted with those made by the nominating committee. Nominations made by petition at least 10 days before the annual meeting will be included on the offi-



cial ballot. Later nominations by petition shall be treated as nominations from the floor. The chairman shall call

for additional nominations from the floor. No member may nominate more than one candidate.



Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*

Appliances account for about 13 percent of your home's energy use. If they have energy-saving settings, use them! If they're nearing voting age, consider replacing them with a new, energy-efficient model. And remember to try smart power strips for smaller appliances and electronics that continue to draw power even when turned off. **(4920-42)** For more tips, visit EnergySavers.gov.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy



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8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

**DURING OFFICE HOURS,
OR AFTER HOURS
TO REPORT OUTAGE**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Rob Gronewold** —
President, Carthage
- **Jay Morrison** —
Vice President, Niota
- **Janet Spory** —
Secretary/Treasurer, Sutter
- **William R. Newton** —
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer,
Burnside
- **Dave Biery** — Director,
Carthage
- **Calvin Baumann** —
Director, Basco
- **Mike Ford** — Director, Lomax

STAFF

- **Paul Dion** — Manager
- **Tommie Long** —
Manager of Operations
- **Becky Dickinson** —
Office Manager

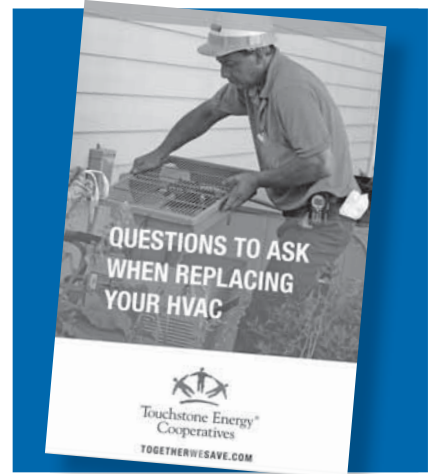
MAP LOCATION CONTEST

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.

Is it time to replace your furnace?

If your heating and cooling systems is 15-20 years old and is experiencing problems, it may be time to consider installing a new, efficient ENERGY STAR® system.

There are details that should be considered so you can make an informed decision. What size of a system do I need? How do I pick a contractor? What type of system is best for me and my house? WIEC has a booklet that points out what you need to consider. Stop by our office and pick up a copy of "Questions to ask when replacing your HVAC".



HomeLite Rebates are available for a limited time...

- ✓ Geothermal
- ✓ Air-to-Air Heat Pump (minimum 16 SEER)
- ✓ Insulation/Weatherization
- ✓ Energy Audits (done by BPI certified auditor)

*Projects must begin between January 1 and June 30 2013.
Funds are available until funds are depleted or until June 2013.*

Welcome New Members

DSN, Inc., by Scott Hellyer, Plymouth
Bill & Becky Griffiths, Hamilton
Matthew L & Bobbi J. Hilgenbrinck, Loraine
Michael & Shylah Lenahan, Lomax
Doug McCoy, Dallas City
Verizon Wireless, Columbus, OH

Right Size, Right System

Right Questions

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Right Contractor

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Right Size

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Still haven't decided about geothermal?

What are you waiting for?

For our members who are still unsure if now is the best time to install a geothermal heating and cooling system, what are you waiting for?

WIEC has five great reasons to go geothermal now:

1. Rebates through the HomeE Lite program are still available. Call our office for more details or go to our website [HYPERLINK "http://www.wiec.net"](http://www.wiec.net) www.wiec.net. This program pays rebates of \$1,500 for installation of geothermal.
2. WIEC offers a rebate of \$1,000.
3. WIEC offers loans (5 year term at a 5% rate) to members with approved credit. The payments are **(3811-44)** added to your current electric bill so you have just one payment. How simple is that?
4. Federal Tax credits are available for energy efficiency tax credits.
5. Kilowatts used for geothermal heating and cooling are just 7 ½ cents instead of 12 ¾ cents regular rate.

What's the difference?

Ground Source Heat Pumps – Geothermal

What is it?

The earth absorbs energy from the sun making it a fairly consistent 55 degrees F all year long. Geothermal systems use the earth's energy to heat and cool your home. Because it uses the earth's natural temperature, geothermal is among the most efficient and comfortable heating and cooling technologies available. Loops can be set underground horizontally, vertically, in a lake or pond or in a well. Geothermal systems provide both heating and air conditioning and even hot water.

Geothermal systems are environmentally clean, very quiet and produce no dangerous gases. There is no outside unit and they are four times more efficient than a gas furnace. Geothermal costs more to install but the upfront cost is an investment that pays off with long-term savings. Geothermal systems can save 30-70% on heating and cooling bills. Your home must be well-insulated and the system must be sized properly to get the most benefit for your investment.

Air-to-Air Heat Pump

What is it?

An air-to-air heat pump moves heat. It absorbs heat from outdoor air pumping it indoors during the winter. In the summer, it absorbs heat from indoors pumping it outside. When operating in optimal conditions (about 30-65 degrees), a heat pump is extremely efficient. When outdoor temperatures become too cold, the heat pump needs to run constantly to produce enough heat to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature. Therefore a backup furnace (either electric or gas) is needed to provide adequate heat.

Providing a constant temperature, an air-to-air heat pump is quite comfortable. The only sound you'll hear is the fan. An air-to-air heat pump is efficient and can save 30-50% on heating and cooling bills depending on the size of the home. The higher the SEER rating, the more efficient your heat pump will be. As with any heating and cooling system, air leaks must be sealed and your home must be properly insulated.

Capital Credit Checks Remain Outstanding

Last November, Western Illinois Electrical Coop. mailed capital credits checks to members who lived on WIEC lines during the year 1978.

Below is a list of the member's name

whose checks have not been cashed. Due to the advance printing of the (8518-59) WIEC News, any checks cashed after February 1st will still appear on the list.

If you see your name listed below, please cash your check as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

ALBRECHT RALPH W	EDWARDS HELEN	HUEY WILLIAM	MYNATT REX D	SNYDER ROBERT FLOYD
ANDERSON SHIRLEY A	EPPLEY JEAN	HULSEBUS GAYLORD	NEWELL PAUL D	SOURWINE HARRY W
ANNEGERS RAYMOND R	EVANS LAROY A	HUMBLE LEROY V	NEWLAN MIKE E	SPANGLER KATHY L
BAKER JOE L	EWING LENNA M	HUNT/LIMA DRAINAGE DISTR	NEWMAN ALVIN JR	SPIKER TONY L
BAKER NEAL L	EWING PATRICK J	HUTSON RONALD J	NEWMAN DONNA	SPORY ERNA
BAKER WILLIAM H	FERRELL GARY R	INGHRAM JANE	NEWTON WILLIAM	SPRINGER REV LON
BEAIRD CHARLES	FORESMAN ANNA L	ISSLEB DIANA L	NICHOLS GARY	STAFF NORMAN
BEELER DOROTHY	FORESMAN MADALINE	JANUSWESKI JEFFREY I	ODONNELL WM J	STEPHENS GLADYS F
BENNETT REX E	FORRESTER MARK A	JOHNSON BETTY	OLSON STEVEN B	STEVENS KATHY R
BISBY GREG	FORT LYMAN R	JONES NANCY M	OSBORNE M J	STEVENSON DANNY J
BLOYD TONY	FOSTER LORETTA	JONES RANDY L	PATCH NORBERT	STRATTON LINDEL V JR
BOHNENKAMP MARC F	FOWLER RELLY	KEMPER WM R	PAYNE SHARON K	SWANSON MAX
BOLTON DORA M	FOXALL LARRY R	KENT FEEDS INC	PERKINS VIRGIL	SWENSON FRANCES
BOYD FARM ACC OUNT	GARRETT GLORIA	KIMBLE CHARLES E	PHILLIPS DEETTA	TALLCOTT JAMES H
BP PIPELINES (NA) INC	GERHARDT CLARA BELLE	KINKADE KENNETH	PIERSON STARR W	TAYLOR DAN
BRADFORD HAROLD H	GERHARDT GENE	KLUSKA FRANK C	PILKINGTON DENNIS	THE WARSAW SADDLE CLUB
BRIGHT BETTY J	GERLING GRANT H	KNISLEY ROBERT D	PILKINGTON WILLIAM E	THIE MARILYN A
BROCK CECIL F	GERMANN JOHN	KNORR TERRY	PITMAN DAVID B	THOMPSON CHUCK G
BROCK JOE M	GILLENWATER MARSHALL	KNOWLES KAREN	PORTER JIMMY N	TINCHER JULIA A
BROOKS GUY	GLEASON GLENN L	KUNZ JULIUS J	PORTER WILLIAM JR	TIPPETT VESTA
BROWN VINCENT B JR	GOODING LARRY D	LABONTE TERRY L	RAMBOW RON L	TWEDELL JOHN F
BURR PAUL M	GOUND BOB	LARSON PAUL	REDENIUS PATRICIA	UFKES ROSE
BURRIS WILLIAM	GREENSLAUGH ALBERT	LEWIS GENEVIEVE	RIED HAROLD W	VANWINKLE GLADYS F
CALIFF BILL	GUTTING RONALD L	LEWIS MARILYN A	ROBERTS LLOYD D	WADDEN HAROLD J
CAMPBELL LARRY	HAIGH SCOTT	LEWIS WESLEY W	ROGERSON DAVID L	WALBORN FRED
CARGILL NUTRENA FEED	HALLGREN LEROY A	LILLARD LEORA	ROONEY JAMES B	WALKER T S
CARLE REX M	HAMMEL JEFF R	LINK DENNIS R	ROSKAMP LUCILLE	WALKER TWP HALL
CHEESMAN W W	HARDY CRISTIN	LINK DONNA	ROWE KIRK L	WALLER EARLINE K
COEUR BOB	HARRISON LARRY	LITTLE TERRENCE C	RUDD HILDA	WALLETT JOYCE
COLYER GREG	HARRISON MARK	LONG STEPHEN A	RUHS RONALD E	WARSAW GUN CLUB
CONOVER IDA BELL	HARTLEY DONALD R	LOWMAN RICKIE K	SANDERSON RON	WEBB JACK D
CORNWELL RICHARD	HAUCK HAROLD F	LUFT LOUISE	SAVAGE VIOLET	WELCHER ELVA LEE
CORWIN JAMES M	HEIM BETTY L	MARSDEN GARY L	SAWYER ROY A	WESTERN IL THRESHERS
CRAMSEY STEVEN G	HEISLER RICHARD	MARSHALL EVON	SCANLAN PAUL	WETZEL ANDREW A
CROSSLAND BRENT L	HELLEMAYER RODNEY M	MASSIE KENT L	SCHEETZ EULA	WHITE TERRY C
CUNNINGHAM STAN A	HENSLEY RICHARD	MATTSON RONALD L	SCOTT SAM	WILLIAMS WANDA
DANNENBERG C L	HERRON KEITH	MCCABE SHARON K	SCOTT STUART	WILSON HENRY D
DARNELL ERNEST H	HICKS MARTHA	MCCONNELL ALAN J	SEIGFRIED CLEVE R	WILSON JOSEPH P
DARROW DWIGHT S	HILL DAVID L	MCCORMACK BRUCE	SEITZ ARLENE	WOLFE KATHLEEN
DAVID ALICE C	HILTON CECIL M	MCDONALD MICHAEL W	SHIPMAN FRANCES	WOOD JOY A
DENNIHAN PATRICK	HINMAN JOAN Z	MCNEILL GLENN R	SHOWERS RAYMOND L	WOOLVERTON DON
DENNY KIMBERLY K	HIKSON WILLIAM E JR	METTERNICH DALE	SIEDENBURG ROBERT	WUSTROW JOHN R
DEWEIN JACK	HOBART DONALD E	MILLER ALBERT L SR	SIEGFRIED LARRY L	YOUNG ELLEN M
DIEW RUTH M	HOELSCHER FRED J	MILLER GLADE F	SIEGRIST DORIS J	YUSKIS DORIS
DOWELL ROD	HOENER FRED A M	MILLER IRIS	SIMON MONTE K	
DROSTE CHARLES E	HOMAN RODNEY	MILLER RICK	SINELE ARLO E	
DRUCK WILLIAM H JR	HORNBAKER PHILIP	MOORE MICHAEL	SLAUGHTERBECK CHARLES	
DUDLEY PAULINE	HOSKINS GLORIA M	MORRIS JIM F	SLY DEWAINE C	
EAVES GERALD	HOUSEHOLDER TERRY L	MORRISON C W	SMITH ALLEYNE	
EDWARDS GARY N	HOWARD MARTY	MYERS DICK	SNOWDEN ELDON M	