

# Spoon River News

## President's Report



William R. Dodds  
President/CEO

It's time for high school seniors to apply for scholarships awarded by Spoon River Electric Cooperative at the 77th Annual Meeting of Members. The Cooperative awards three \$500 scholarships annually; two are based on academic merit and one is honorary.

One of the academic scholarships is made possible by the family of former Spoon River Electric Director Scott Parrish. We are honored that Scott's family see it fit to remember him by helping a student in need attend college.

To receive an application or have any questions answered, please call Taryn Martin at (309) 647-2700. Good luck to all of this year's applicants.

Here are the rules for those interested in applying for a scholarship:

- Spoon River Electric Cooperative Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of a Spoon River Electric Cooperative member.
- Applicants must be enrolled full-time for undergraduate studies at an accredited two-year, four-year, or vocational/technical school the following academic year.
- Three \$500 scholarships are awarded, two based on academic performance and community involvement, and the other is honorary.
- All applicants must be present with a parent or guardian at Spoon River Electric's Annual Meeting June 19, 2014 in order to be eligible for a scholarship.



*A skid loader is used in muddy conditions on Sister's Creek off Route 24 to set poles. Lineman Donnie Schrodt (L) is making sure the pole is in the right spot to set it, while Lineman Rick Roudebush (R) is lining up the pole for proper placement.*

# Welcome to our new employees

## Justin Albers

New Line Forman, Justin Albers, welcomed at Spoon River Electric! Albers comes to Spoon River Electric from Jo-Carroll

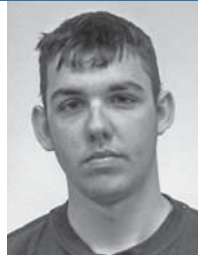


Energy with more than five years of lineman experience. He is excited to see what Spoon River Electric has in store for him.

Albers, originally from Fulton County, is happy to be back in the area along with wife, Elizabeth and two small boys, Adrian, four years, and Brant, nine months. If you happen to see an unfamiliar face out and about, don't be a stranger!

## Tommy Allhands

Spoon River Electric's Forestry Crew welcomes Tommy Allhands. Allhands recently graduated from Lincoln Challenge



Academy last spring and has relocated to the Metamora, Ill. area. He has been working closely with the Spoon River Forestry Crew to learn the ins and outs and will soon be transitioning over and working with our Menard Electric Forestry team. We are excited to have Allhands a part of our team!

## Mark your calendar!



## Spoon River Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting of Members is June 19, 2014 at Canton High School.

*Dinner and registration are from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.,  
and the business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.*

*We'll have prizes and entertainment.*

**Please RSVP to the Cooperative by June 1, 2014.**

## Spoon River Electric Cooperative

930 South Fifth Ave, PO Box 340, Canton, IL 61520  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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## Spoon River Electric Cooperative – By the Numbers

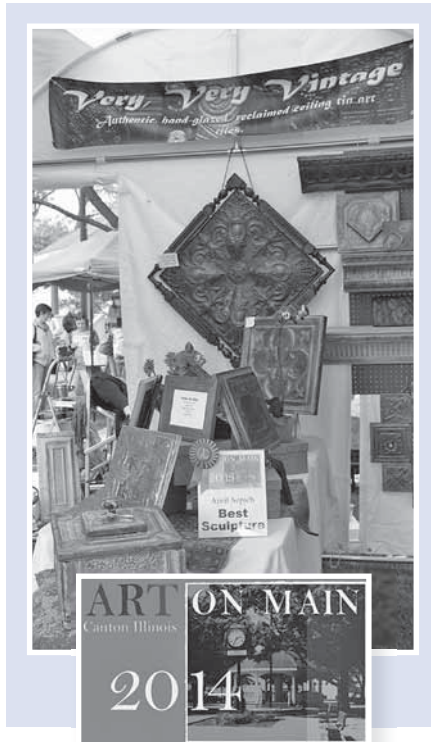
Miles of line energized: 1,255 • Number of members served: 4,808  
Number of power poles in territory: 29,255

# Canton 2014 Art on Main Fine Arts Festival

Canton Main Street will host the second annual Art on Main Fine Arts Festival on June 7-8, in Jones Park in downtown Canton. The inaugural event in 2013 enjoyed exceptional success, drawing 21 highly talented artists from four states to exhibit, and an estimated 2,000 visitors to the park over the two-day event. Local musicians and food vendors also contributed to making the festival a colorful, vibrant experience.

Planning is underway for the 2014 festival, and co-chair Cheryl Bielema says they are expecting the number of exhibitors at the event to expand significantly. Categories for the festival include painting/drawing, jewelry, glass, photography, clay/ceramics, sculpture, woven textiles and wood.

Canton Main Street is also soliciting sponsorships and other



types of support from businesses, organizations and the community, including volunteers. For the first event over 40 businesses and individuals pledged funds or in-kind services. New volunteers are especially welcome to assist with the event.

“We had almost 75 volunteers this past June,” Bielema says, “and that really set us apart from other fine art shows. The artists were so grateful for the help with loading, unloading, registration and all the other work that goes into exhibiting in an event like this. The volunteers had a great time, and it made the festival a truly wonderful event.”

For more information on the Art on Main Fine Arts Festival, to volunteer, or to become a sponsor, please contact Dana Smith at (309) 647-2677 or [dsmith@cantonillinois.org](mailto:dsmith@cantonillinois.org)

# 2014 Farmers Market in Canton Underway

Canton Main Street will again host a Farmers Market in Jones Park in downtown Canton, beginning on Saturday, June 7, and continuing each Saturday morning through September 27. The Market will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and offer locally-grown produce, fruits, spices, baked goods, flowers and plants, jelly, honey and other fresh-to-the table items. Plans for this year include more educational food demonstrations, music and children’s activities. The market is a collaboration between Canton Main Street and Spoon River College’s agriculture program.

This will be the third year the Market has set up in Jones Park, and it has grown dramatically.

Canton Main Street is actively seeking more vendors to set up this summer. An organizational meeting for interested growers is scheduled for Monday, April 14, at the Old Historic Train Depot in Canton at 6:30 p.m.

The Historic Depot is located directly behind Aldi’s on East Elm Street. For more information about the meeting, or on the Farmers

Market, contact Dana Smith at (309) 647-2677, Ext. 1, or email her at [dsmith@cantonillinois.org](mailto:dsmith@cantonillinois.org).





## ATTENTION 2013-2014 SENIORS!

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

**H**igh school students who are seniors during the 2013-2014 school year, and are the son or daughter of a Spoon River Electric member are eligible to apply for a \$500 Scholastic Scholarship, a \$500 Honorary Scholarship, and the \$500 Scott Parrish Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded at this year's Annual Meeting on June 19, 2014.

Please fill out the form at the bottom of the page and return it to the Cooperative to participate. Applications must be turned in by **June 4, 2014** to be considered. 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 June 19, 2014, 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 2013/2014 school year and begin college undergraduate studies in the 2014/2015 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 2014-2015 academic year.
- Scholarships are for one year and are non-renewable.
- Past Spoon River Electric Cooperative scholarship winners are not eligible to receive another one.

### SCHOLASTIC AND SCOTT PARRISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Scholastic and Scott Parrish Memorial Scholarships 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.
- 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 and Parrish Scholarships 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 and Parrish Scholarship winners.



## Scholarship Participation Request

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Applying For: Scholastic\* \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary \_\_\_\_\_

Return To: Taryn Martin  
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\*Those applying for the Scholastic Scholarship will receive an additional form in the mail regarding scholastic achievement.