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NEWS

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WIEC participates in Youth Day

Sen. John Sullivan met with students representing Western Illinois Electrical Coop. (WIEC) during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 13 in Springfield. Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 24 co-ops from across the state represented at the event.

More than 225 students from around Illinois had an opportunity to visit the State Capitol, view state government in action and question their legislators on key issues. They also were invited into the office of Secretary of State Jesse White.

During lunch, Treasurer Michael Frerichs addressed students and chaperones and challenged them to take an interest in the political process and encouraged them to follow their dreams and do what interests them because life can take

interesting turns and twists. While in Springfield, the students also visited the Supreme Court, Old State Capitol, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Going on the trip representing WIEC were Megan McElroy, daughter of Kent and Shannon

McElroy, Carthage and Kristina Knoche, daughter of Phil and Carol Knoche of Carthage. Both students attend Illini West High School in Carthage. They earned the right to attend (7715-39) Youth Day as part of the Youth to Washington WebQuiz contest.



Shown (L-R) are: Megan McElroy, Sen. Sullivan, Kristina Knoche.

WIEC Office will close at Noon on June 24th.



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MAP LOCATION CONTEST

Every month we are printing four members' 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.

Youth to Washington WebQuiz winner announced

Megan McElroy was named the winner of the Youth to Washington WebQuiz contest. She won an all-expense paid trip to our nation's capital during the week of June 10. Watch the WIEC News for highlights of her trip.



Interested in learning more about electricity and wiring?

There will be an Electricity School on June 8 in Camp Point, to teach the basics of electricity in a fun and entertaining way. Children ages 8-18, who live in Hancock or Henderson County and are interested in participating in the 4-H Electricity School, should contact their local extension office. Students do not have to be a member of 4-H to attend.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary (855-37) expense.

Source: energy.gov

WIEC Annual Meeting

The WIEC Annual Meeting will be Thursday, June 23. Doors open at 5:30 with meeting to begin at 7:00.

Watch your mailbox for the Annual Meeting booklet. It will contain the registration card, proxy card and other important information. To save time, please bring the registration card with you to the meeting.

See Page 9 for more details.



Can't make it to Annual meeting?

You can still make your vote count!



If you can't come to the WIEC annual meeting on June 23, you can still make your vote count. You can give someone that is attending your signed proxy card, or bring in your signed proxy card to the office and (7523-48) 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 be used 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.

Nominating Committee Meets

Ten members of Western Illinois Electrical Coop. were appointed to the 2016 nominating committee. The committee met at the WIEC office on March 22 and 28 to make nominations for directors. Two directors will be elected at the cooperative's annual meeting on June 23, 2016.

The following were nominated for director positions:

- District 4 – Kent Flesner, West Point
- District 5– Mark Burling, Carthage

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 (6816-1) also be made from the floor at the annual meeting

Annual Meeting prizes are rolling in.

These are just a few of what we have received.

- \$25.00 Visa Gift Card..... C & S Testing Company
- \$75.00 Amazon Gift Card.....CRC
- 5Qt Oil Change & Tire Rotation.....J & R Tire Service, Inc
- Gift Certificate good for one Free General Service on Furnace or AC.....Peters Heating & Air Conditioning
- Backpack Sprayer.....UPA/Timberland
- Gift Basket - Barbeque Sauce, Rubs and \$10 Gift Certificate..... Weber Meats

A big thank you to our local vendors for supplying these.

AND 5 GRAND PRIZES of

- Bill credits for 1000 kWh of Electricity from WIEC

Plus each registered member gets a \$10 bill credit.

HOW THE ELECTRIC CO-OP WORKS



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