

WIEC NEWS

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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Member Appreciation Day

*Monday, October 28
1-4 p.m.*

Come to the WIEC office on Monday, October 28th to join us for Member Appreciation Day. Come join us for cookies, cider, coffee and a free gift as we celebrate 75 years of serving our members.

Members who bring in their completed WIEC Quiz and attend Member Appreciation Day could earn a \$75 bill credit.
(See page 9 for more details.)

Also, we will be honoring Manager Paul Dion for his 39 years of service and leadership to WIEC and its members.

Please come say hello, share some stories and help us wish Paul the very best in his retirement!





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OFFICE HOURS

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

BUSINESS OFFICE

217-357-3125

TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

800-576-3125

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **David Biery** —
President, **Carthage**
- **Mike Ford** —
Vice President, **Lomax**
- **Janet Spory** —
Secretary/Treasurer, **Sutter**
- **Jay Morrison** —
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer,
Burnside
- **Kent Flesner** —
Director, **West Point**
- **Rob Gronewold** —
Director, **Carthage**
- **William Newton** —
Director, **Burnside**

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.

As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary, we invite our members to join us as we take a look at our journey. This month we would like to honor the men and women who served on our Board of Directors. Each of these individuals gave their time and their talents to make WIEC the strong cooperative we are today. We honor them and thank them.

WIEC has also had steadfast and loyal managers who also have had an important role in the success of WIEC. We also honor them as well.



1960 Board of Directors

Western Illinois Electrical Coop Board of Directors

District 1 - Henderson County

Lloyd Dickson	1938 - 1961
Vern Comstock	1961 - 1973
Charles McChesney	1973 - 1979
Larry Dowell	1979 - 1985
Haven Vaughn	1985 - 2006
Mike Ford	2006 - Present

District II - Appanoose, Montebello and Sonora Townships in Hancock County, Illinois

Guy McBride	1938 - 1945
Charles Siegrist	1945 - 1953
Wendell Thompson	1954 - 1982
Dean Starr	1982 - 1985
Donald Sewell	1985 - 1994
Bill Newton	1994 - Present

District III - La Harpe, Durham, Rock Creek, Pontoosuc and Dallas City Townships in Hancock County, Illinois; and the cooperative's service area in Blandinsville Township in McDonough County, Illinois

David Baxter	1938 - 1942
George Carlisle	1942 - 1947
Bert Thompson	1947 - 1949
Robert Wagner	1949 - 1984
Greg Blythe	1984 - 1985
Keith Hubbard	1985 - 1994
Jay D. Morrison	1994 - Present

Board of Directors continued

District IV – Prairie, Bear Creek, St. Albans, and Chili Townships in Hancock County, Illinois and Keene Township in Adams County, Illinois.

Mrs. Ruth Stevenson	1938 –1950
Lee Junk	1950 –1969
Wendell DeMoss	1969 –1975
Donald Willard	1976 –1986
Sharon Roberts	1986 –1992
Briscoe Menke	1992 –2007
Calvin Baumann	2007 –2013
Kent Flesner	2013 – Present

District V - Carthage, Pilot Grove, and Ft. Green Townships in Hancock County, Illinois and Hire Township in McDonough County, Illinois

Lee Murphy	1938 – 1962
Harold Massie	1962 – 1983
Glenn Snyder	1983 – 1986
Ross E Wear	1986 – 2004
David Biery	2004 –Present

District VI - Augusta, St Mary's, Hancock, and Harmony Townships in Hancock County, Illinois, and Lamoine Township in McDonough County, Illinois.

Mrs. Ruby Hurst	1938 – 1951
Harold Huey	1951 – 1972
Charles Melvin	1972 – 1981
Virgil Rosendale	1981 – 1987
Bruce McCormack	1987 –1989
Robert Gronewold	1989 – Present

District VII - Wythe, Wilcox, Rocky Run, and Walker Townships in Hancock County, Illinois, and the Cooperative's Service Area in Lima Township in Adams County, Illinois.

Arthur Kraushaar	1938 –1940
H. A. Allen	1940 –1950
Grover Meeker	1950 –1963
Donald I Kerr, Sr.	1963 –1984
Clarence Marshall	1984 –1987
Philip W. Zinn	1987 –1990
Darrell Thompson	1990 –1993
Wayne Rampley	1993 – 2002
Janet Spory	2002 –Present



1987 Board of Directors



2003 Board of Directors

2013 Board of Directors



David Biery



Mike Ford



Janet Spory



Jay Morrison



Kent Flesner



Rob Gronewold



William Newton

Managers who have served

Leslie C. (Pop) Marvel	1938 – 1952	Lester Aeilts	1973 – 1989
Lee W. Leonard	1952 – 1973	Paul M. Dion	1989 - Present

Your Money Stays at Home

Ever wonder who owns your power company? If you get electricity from Western Illinois Electrical Coop., the answer's easy—look in the mirror.

You and other folks who receive electricity from WIEC are the owners. Of course, being an owner doesn't mean you can drive to a substation and take home a transformer or borrow a spool of wire. Those assets are owned collectively by everyone who has signed up for electric service. A portion of the electric bill you pay each month, called Facility Charge, goes into building distribution infrastructure—poles, wires, and substations—that bring you a steady supply of power. (7524-9)

Investments we make in infrastructure don't profit someone in an area far away—benefits stay right here in our community.

Paying your monthly bill does more than build lines, buy equipment, and purchase wholesale electricity. Your cooperative conducts business locally, purchasing what we can from local businesses. You also pay the salaries of our hard-working employees, who live right here in the community. They, in turn, also buy goods at local businesses, spreading income around and

boosting our (8635-53) local economy.

Here's another membership perk: you get money back. We're not-for-profit, so any funds left over after bills have been paid, infrastructure built, and an emergency fund established, goes into a capital credit account for each co-op member. Then, when your board of directors determines the co-op is in good financial shape, this capital is returned to you as a check. How much money you get back depends on how much electricity you used.

Capital credit refunds are to you what dividends are to stockholders at for-profit companies. Only we don't aim to make a profit. Our goal is to provide you with electricity at a price that is as close to cost as possible. That way, more of your money stays in your pocket—up front.

In short, you are receiving a vital resource, electricity, from a business owned and operated by you, your friends, and neighbors. Working together, we provide you with the highest level of service we can while striving to keep your electric bills affordable.

And that's the cooperative difference.



Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*

Keep wintery drafts out of your home by sealing cracks and gaps. Weather stripping around doors and windows works well when you can see daylight (7823-20) between the frame and the wall or floor. Use caulk to seal around the frames where you see gaps. For more tips and tricks, visit TogetherWeSave.com.

Source: TogetherWeSave.com

1979 and 1980 Capital Credit Retired

The WIEC Board of Directors has authorized retiring capital credits that were earned in 1979 and 1980. Members who were on our lines then will receive a check that reflects their portion (7721-6) of the margins made and invested during that time period.

Members should receive their check in mid October.

Welcome New Members

Tim & Ruth Barnhart Sr.,
Vienna, MO
Amanda Blaine, Dallas City
Steve E & Marcia K Boyer,
Carthage
Danielle Boyle & Ryan Miller,
Gladstone
Aaron Brodie, Carthage
Joe Burford, Hamilton
Bambi-Leigh M Day, Warsaw
Danielle Gronewold, Basco
Jeremiah & Dawn Hammel,
Hamilton
Nancy L Huls, Carthage
Robert L & Nancy M Lionberger,
Niota
Metamora Telephone Co.,
Metamora, IL
Jared Murphy, Carthage
Elizabeth Newton, Nauvoo
Diana Pulliam, Franklin, WI
S C Fish & Caviar, Niota
Stewart Family Farms, Inc.,
Monmouth
Spencer & Megan Torrance,
Gladstone
Two Neighbors Irrigation,
Warsaw