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Journeyman Linemen Kaiden Davis, Ike Richard, and Josh Davis at this year's Lineworkers Safety Rodeo.

2024 Lineworker's Safety Rodeo

Line personnel from Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) participated in the annual Lineworker's Safety Rodeo coordinated by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) on Thursday, Sept. 19. Fifteen teams from 12 electric co-ops and one municipal electric utility participated in the friendly competition, along with seven others competing individually. The rodeo highlights the skills lineworkers use to work safely and efficiently.

Josh Davis, Kaiden Davis and Ike Richard represented IEC at the rodeo, held at the LLCC Line School Yard in Springfield. They competed against teams from across Illinois in events using skills that focus on agility, speed and accuracy. While these skills are part of the judging criteria, above all, participants are judged on safe work practices.

Line personnel competed in a series of team and individual events including the 40-foot climb, hurt man rescue and

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crossarm change. The cutout change was a team event, and the day concluded with a head-to-head climbing challenge.

Scores for each event are based on completion time, proper execution of the task and safety. Deductions were made to a team or individual's overall performance score due to mistakes such as slipping when climbing poles, dropping tools or executing inappropriate procedures or methods.

Congratulations to our lineworkers on their team and individual efforts.

Right: Journeyman Lineman Josh Davis at this year's Lineworker's Safety Rodeo.

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The co-op strives to provide reliable, quality service to all our members across the service territory. One way we determine how we are doing is by conducting a yearly member satisfaction survey. The survey is led by the National Rural Electric Cooperative's (NRECA) Market Research Services.

Being a member-owned co-op means the feedback you provide is taken seriously. We want to know how we are doing, and this survey is one way we can find out. The survey results provide insight into members' overall satisfaction and help us evaluate members' perceptions of service quality.

2024 MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The survey also helps us learn how members' needs are being met and prioritize any improvement efforts.

The survey is being conducted by email only. Members chosen by NRECA's Market Research Services can expect to be contacted beginning on Monday, December 2nd. The survey takes about 10 minutes.

We ask that those members contacted take the time to participate in the survey. Your feedback is important to us, and we appreciate hearing from our members. If you have any questions on the survey, please give us a call at 1-800-468-4732.

Powering the Future: 17 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

Illinois Electric Cooperative believes that the key to a brighter future lies in empowering the next generation. That's why electric cooperatives across Illinois are committed to investing in our youth through scholarships that not only honor the legacy of our cooperative family but also fuel the dreams and goals of tomorrow's leaders.

The electric cooperatives of Illinois will award 17 scholarships, each worth \$2,500, to outstanding students from the electric cooperative family through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

"This isn't just about financial aid — it's also about empowering students," said Randy Long, General Manager. "While honoring those who came before us, we're also investing in the future. Illinois' electric cooperatives are constantly searching for ways to spark positive change in our communities. Supporting our youth through scholarship programs like this is one of the impactful ways we help shape tomorrow." Here's a brief rundown of the scholarships available.

- Ten scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors whose parent(s) are Illinois electric co-op members, giving these students a bright start on their educational journey.
- The Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship is reserved for a student whose parent is an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director, honoring the legacy of service within our cooperative family.
- Five scholarships are dedicated to students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college, who are also children of an electric cooperative member in Illinois.

- The LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship is designed for those ready to light up the world by pursuing a career in linework and are enrolled or plan to enroll at Lincoln Land Community College's lineworker program. This scholarship supports students of co-op members, relatives of employees or directors, and those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

Don't miss out on this opportunity! The general scholarship application deadline is Dec. 31, 2024, and the lineworker scholarship is due by April 30, 2025. For more information, reach out to Jennifer Sellars at 217-730-8307 or visit www.aiec.coop. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors.

"This is a great opportunity for the next wave of bright minds within our co-op community," said Randy Long. "These scholarships will help ensure that our future is powered by knowledge and a shared commitment to excellence. Let's light the way to a brighter tomorrow."





Shawn Rennecker with his wife Stefanie and children Sloane (11), Rory (9), and Sophie (14).

Employee Spotlight

Shawn Rennecker

Economic Development Director

About the Employee

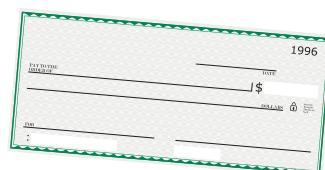
Shawn Rennecker of Barry has been with the co-op for 12 years. In that time, he has had a large impact on our service territory through his role as Economic Development Director. Shawn is a Barry native, and he lives there today with his wife Stefanie and their three children: Sophie, Sloane, and Rory.

Shawn enjoys working with many people who are involved with the co-op, both directly and indirectly. Shawn says he's met some really great people working with the membership and the different economic development groups he's a part of.

When not at work or serving as the Mayor of Barry, Shawn can be found spending time with his family and one of their many activities.

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