

# NEWS, NOTES & VIEWS 04/25



## Keeping Members *Connected*

With our daily lives more connected than ever, it's important that we provide our members with fast, reliable internet service. The co-op began providing internet service in the rural areas across our service territory over 25 years ago. While technology has changed, our commitment to continuously improve our service has not. Today, the co-op provides internet service to over 6,400 homes and businesses.

We are now offering 100 Mbps wireless internet in multiple areas. This includes all of Pike County and select areas near Carrollton, Jacksonville, Arenzville, Winchester, and Murrayville. In late spring, we will have 100 Mbps available near Riggston and Franklin. In addition, we have 25 Mbps available across our service

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territory, which meets the vast majority of members' online needs, including streaming video on multiple TVs.

As we've shared before, we continue to work on building fiber internet service for our members in Calhoun County. This project has been a multi-year effort, and we continue to look for funding to expand fiber in other areas of the service territory.

With 75 wireless broadcast locations, there are very few members we can't get service to. If you're not yet an internet subscriber and are interested, we encourage you to visit our website at [IllinoisNet.com](http://IllinoisNet.com) to see what packages are available in your area or give us a call at 1-800-468-4732.



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## Illinois Electric Cooperative Recognized at Safety and Energy Conference

Safety is paramount in the electric industry. To advance safety education and practices, lineworkers, supervisors and warehouse personnel from electric cooperatives across Illinois gathered in Springfield for the annual Safety and Energy Conference. The event was hosted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC).

The conference emphasized the importance of safety and leadership in the energy industry, providing participants with training and resources to ensure their well-being on the job. Sessions included discussions on active leadership, staying focused and safe practices in the workplace.

During the conference, safety awards were presented to honor both individual and cooperative-wide commitments to fostering a safe work environment. Illinois Electric Cooperative was recognized for its outstanding safety performance over the past year, receiving 2024 awards for Best Loss Time Rate and Best Incident Rate. These awards underscore a cooperative's dedication to maintaining a safe working environment, exceeding industry safety expectations, and cultivating a proactive safety culture.

The Best Loss Time Rate Award is given to the cooperatives with the lowest number of lost work time due to workplace injuries, relative to the number of hours worked. It reflects a cooperative's effectiveness in preventing serious incidents that could keep employees off the job.

The Best Incident Rate Award recognizes the cooperatives with the lowest overall number of recordable workplace incidents, including minor injuries. It highlights a commitment to maintaining a consistently safe work environment for all employees.

As the electric industry continues to evolve, safety remains a top priority. It ensures that the workforce can continue to serve communities efficiently and without harm. The AIEC celebrates the electric cooperatives and individuals that prioritize safety, consistently demonstrate leadership in safe practices, and foster a strong safety culture.

Photo: Front (L-R) Mike King, Andy Nash, Sam Surratt. Back Row (L-R) Brad Kemper, Chad Gregory, Dalton Heavner, Aaron Albers.

## Employee Spotlight

### Kaiden Davis

Journeyman Lineman

### About the Employee

Kaiden Davis began working with the co-op in 2019. A North Greene High School graduate, he is a Journeyman Lineman who lives in Jacksonville with his wife, Kathryn.

When asked about his favorite part of working for Illinois Electric, Kaiden highlights how much he enjoys the opportunity to serve our membership and his co-workers, who feel more like family. He is thankful for the more experienced crew members he works alongside, who have taught him the importance of high-quality work. He says the day-to-day is fast-paced and often challenging, so you must always show up to work mentally prepared for whatever the day throws at you.

Kaiden spends most of his time with friends and family outside of work. He is often outdoors, golfing or fishing. Attending Illini basketball and football games is another activity you may find Kaiden doing when not at work.



Kaiden Davis with his wife Kathryn.



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