



Rural HIGHLIGHTS

Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

Co-op Community Grants awarded to three area schools



Line Foreman Bill Hart delivers a grant to Wendy Cook, Lincolnwood science teacher.



In Auburn, Journeyman Lineman Travis Boylen presents a grant to science teacher Alethea Dowson. On the right is district librarian Amy Williams and art teacher Amy Phalen with RECC's Manager of Operations Tim Hemberger.



Once again, we have partnered with CoBank to contribute to our local schools. Their Sharing Success program provided us with matching funds, which allowed us to award three more Co-op Community Grants. This year's recipients include Auburn, Morrisonville and Raymond Lincolnwood. In all, \$15,000 was divided among seven teachers.



RECC Sr. Accountant Aubrie Megginson was busy handing out checks in Morrisonville. She's pictured here with music teacher Jessica Thurman, sixth grade teacher Sarah Jennings, and P.E. teacher Jennifer Meyer.

RECC participates in Youth Day

State Senator Andy Manar and Steve McClure, as well as State Representatives C.D. Davidsmeyer and Avery Bourne, met with students representing the cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 3 in Springfield. More than 235 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 were also invited into the office of Secretary of State Jesse White. Students also visited the Old State Capitol and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. RECC was one



Pictured from left are Tim Hemberger, William Ryan, Nancy Mi, Summer Beckham, Rudie Logerquist, Senator Andy Manar, Jocelyn Nester, Braeden Scheerer, Kaytlin Smith, Alicyn Harbaugh and Sandy Lex.

of the 23 co-ops from across the state to participate in the annual gathering. RECC sent eight students from Litchfield, New Berlin, Northwestern, Glenwood and Rochester to the state Capitol for the daylong event. After

the eight students were interviewed, William Ryan and Jocelyn Nester were selected to represent RECC in the 2019 Youth to Washington trip! Rudy Logerquist was chosen as an alternate.



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Youth Day winners chosen



William Ryan of Rochester and Jocelyn Nester of Glenwood were selected to represent RECC in the 2019 Youth to Washington Tour.

Thank-you letters sent from Gulf Coast students and faculty

RECC received a heart-felt thank you from our friends in the Florida Panhandle. Principal Chris Franklin, of Riverside Elementary School, wanted to pass along his gratitude for the help their community received in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Several pictures and drawings were also included from Riverside Elementary students.

"Relief came from all over the country as residents worked to give families some sense of normalcy."

Franklin said, "The hurricane brought unprecedented destruction to the Panhandle of Florida like most of us living here have never seen. Our

landscape and our lives will never be the same."

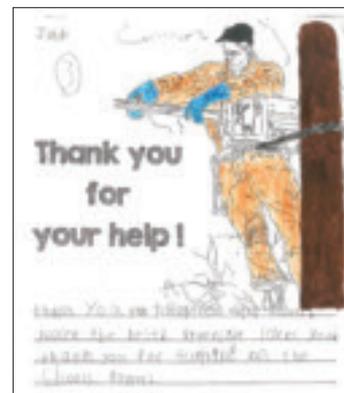
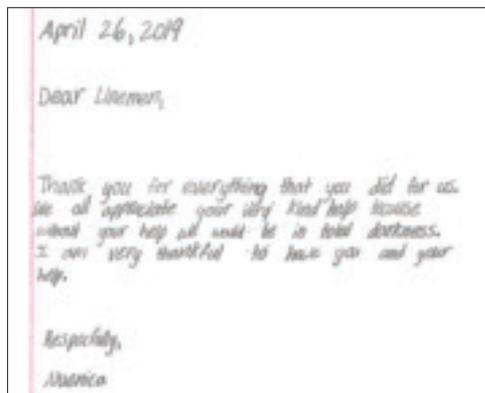
We are forever grateful for your cooperative sending people from their homes and comfort to work to restore our power. We began to cheer and wave when we saw the bucket trucks arrive. While here, you worked continuously until it was done. Our power was restored in an incredible timeline that still amazes us today. We know you worked long hours and suffered the same elements and conditions that we were in here.

While working to restore power late in the evening, three linemen lost their lives on a highway in our

area. One of them was from our own West Florida Electric Cooperative. Two others were young men who left their home and families to come here and help. You left your families to provide for ours and we thank you.

Even though it has been six months, we want you to know that we will never forget your sacrifice and generosity toward us. Thank you for your help, kindness, and perseverance to get us up and going again."

Sincerely,

RECC Linemen Walt Wallace, Bill Hart, Matt Evans and Travis Boylen participated in the Florida restoration efforts.

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RECC linemen changed out a 70-foot rotten pole at the Lowder Substation. The pole holds the Ameren transmission line “static wire” that is connected to the grounding grid of the substation. It will also serve as a tower/mount for a collector used in our new AMI system.

The next phase of our AMI conversion will focus on residential meters. RECC has contracted Allegiant Utility Services to replace all our kWh meters. Look for meter changes to begin in August.

The American Flag

What comes to mind when you think about our flag? Stars and stripes, red, white and blue, pride, veterans, war, politics, opportunity? It’s amazing how a single symbol can spark so many thoughts and emotions. Our flag is special to us here in America and is one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

As July Fourth rolls around this year, we can look forward to seeing our symbol of freedom flying high. In respect for our flag, rules and regulations were established to standardize its use, known as the U.S. Flag Code. Please keep these guidelines in mind when displaying the U.S. flag. Listed below are ten of the most common mistakes made when displaying or photographing the flag.

- be used as a drapery, desk covering or decorations
- be used for any advertising purpose
- be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform (exc. some patches)
- have placed on it, or attached insignia, wording or drawings
- be used for holding, carrying or delivering anything
- touch the ground at any time
- be displayed or presented tattered or torn
- fly between dusk and dawn without proper lighting

Flag should never...

- be dipped to any person or thing
- be flown upside down except in the case of distress



Office will be closed on July Fourth.