



Rural HIGHLIGHTS

Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

Apprentice lineman position filled



Manager of Operations & Maintenance Tim Hemberger congratulates new apprentice, Mark Bartolozzi.

The cooperative welcomes Mark Bartolozzi. He was hired as an apprentice lineman in October. Mark completed an internship at RECC in 2020 and graduated from the LLCC/AIEC Electrical Line Distribution/Lineman Program. He plans to complete his associate degree at Lincoln Land Community College in 2021.

Mark was a tree trimmer/climber for Wright Tree Service and previously worked in the construction field. Other employment included BAB Grain, Menards and Gander Mountain. Mark was a 2015 graduate of Glenwood High School and participated in baseball, soccer, wrestling, student council, bass fishing and archery. He was also active in several church groups, 4-H and Boy Scouts of America.

Auburn Fire Captain featured at safety meeting



John Edie demonstrates the operation of a fire extinguisher during RECC's safety meeting.

John Edie, City of Auburn's Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and Fire Captain, spoke to RECC employees at their September safety meeting. John discussed the various types of extinguishers and explained the appropriate uses for each class. He also reviewed the maintenance schedules and testing procedures. John concluded by demonstrating the most effective method to extinguish small fires. Following distancing protocols, the warehouse gathering was RECC's first in-person meeting since the pandemic was declared back in March 2020. Previous safety meetings were conducted through videoconferencing.

Energizing Eagle Ridge



Litchfield's newest subdivision will feature more than 40 lots that offer a view of Lake Lou Yeager.



Lineman Dalton Brown inspects a shipment of high voltage cabinets while Drayton Davis operates the trencher.



Line Foreman Bill Hart determines the site of a transformer pad as he oversees the underground project.

Eagle Ridge under construction



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Twelve \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded
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Memorial Scholarship Program.

- 6** scholarships awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members.
- 4** scholarships for high school seniors enrolling full time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.
- 1** Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship awarded to a high school senior who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric co-op employee or director.
- 1** LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship awarded to a student attending lineworker school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill.

Deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2020. The lineworker scholarship deadline is April 30, 2021. For more information, go to aiec.coop/iec-scholarship.

Choosing the right color for your lighting

The color temperature is a matter of personal preference, but cool colors are generally used in office buildings and warm colors are preferred in homes. The clear favorite is the 4000K Neutral White, but many in cooler climates will choose 3000K lamps because they provide a feeling of additional warmth. Conversely, people in warmer areas want the cooling perception offered by the cold color of a the 5000K light. Then there's the popular 2700K, the closest thing to the original incandescent bulb.

Color Temp.	Application
Cool White 4000 - 5000K	Offices, Hospitals, Manufacturing
Mid Range 3500 - 5000K	Retail stores, Showrooms
Warm White 2700 - 3000K	Residential lighting, Restaurants, Hotels
Extra Warm 2000 - 2500K	Food displays, Background lights

