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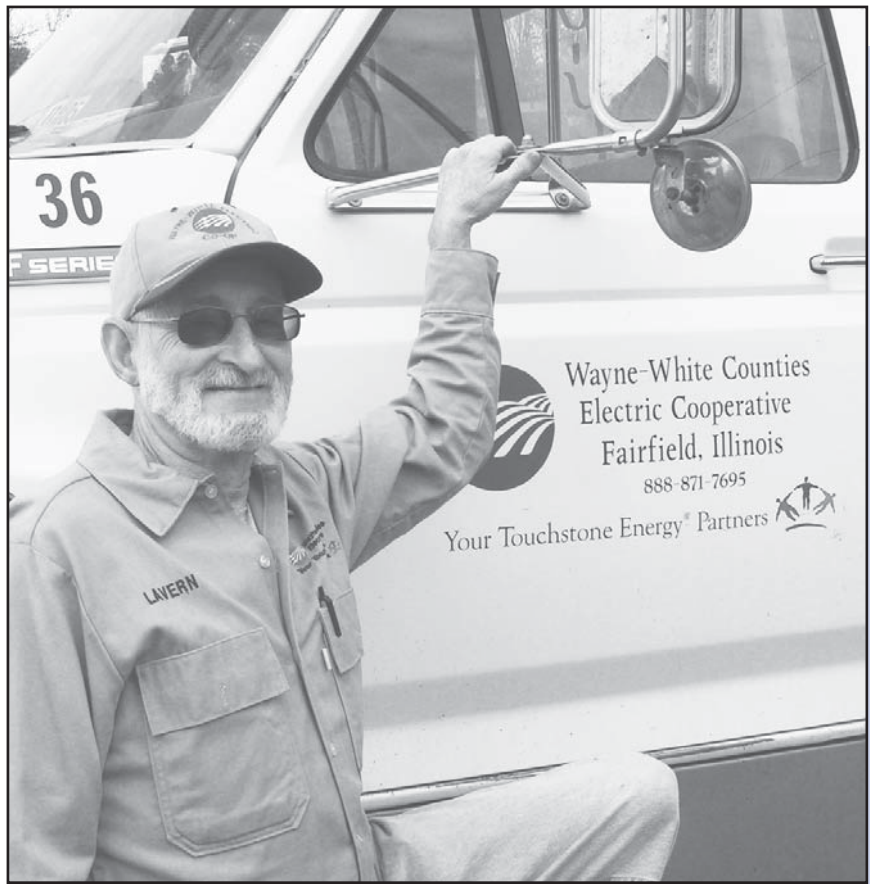
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Tree Trimming Veteran Announces Retirement

For 30 ½ years, Lavern Baxter has served the membership of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative as an employee of the vegetation management crew by trimming limbs, brush, and removing problematic trees that can cause power outages.

His career, which began on July 7, 1975, is drawing to a close, as Lavern announced his upcoming retirement from the Cooperative effective January 2006.

“I remember back in the 70s at Wayne-White, when we only had a bucket truck and a winch,” said Lavern. “There were no chippers or brontos in those days; in fact many of the modern pole saws didn’t come along until later.”

When he initially joined the cooperative, Lavern worked with Lloyd Clements, Stan Garner, Everett McConnell, and Don Wheat. Don was the foreman of the crew. “I’ve worked with a lot of good people over the past 30 years, and I’ve really enjoyed

my time at Wayne-White,” Lavern said.

Prior to working for the Cooperative, Lavern was a feed salesman for Wabash Valley Service Company, and he spent three years in the Army, which included a tour of duty in Italy, and about three months at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. where he was a teletype operator. Lavern grew up on a farm in the Albion/Grayville area.

Lavern and his wife, Ida, have two daughters, Michelle and Anna Marie, as well as three grandchildren. They enjoy camping at Red Hill State Park, and hope to do more camping and a little traveling during retirement. “I don’t have specific plans, we’ll just do what we feel like doing,” he said.

Lavern said that the best part of his job has been working outside all these years. “I like being outdoors, and I have especially liked working with Nathan Gill and the Brontosaurus for the past 5 ½ years,” he said. “The Brontos have helped improve my department more than anything else I have seen during my career. They help prevent outages.”

From The Desk Of The CEO...



Daryl Donjon, CEO/General Manager

September 27, 2005, was the date I began employment as your new Chief Executive Officer. Because of the length of time necessary to produce this magazine, I am writing this article on October 28, 2005. As a result, this is my perspective after approximately one month on the job.

■ Positives:

1. A Board of Directors committed to making decisions in the best long-term interest of their fellow member-owners.
2. A committed, loyal group of employees with the goal of returning Wayne-Wayne to the way it was perceived in the past in the eyes of the membership and surrounding communities.
3. An exceptional power supply contract through the year 2010 that can possibly be used to leverage long-term power supply costs.
4. An electrical distribution sys-

tem that is generally in good condition.

■ Negatives:

1. Long-term debt of \$39 million, resulting in a poor equity position.
2. The interest rate on debt is primarily short term in nature. The Cooperative is exposed to significantly higher interest expense when the current loan terms end, and is subject to re-pricing.
3. Long-term approach to the pay-off of Soyland's buy-out. As a result, significant debt will remain after the end of a favorable power supply contract.

■ Short-term Goals:

1. Improve relationships that have been deteriorated.
2. Develop budget and work plan for 2006 to determine if current revenue is adequate.

■ Long-term Goals:

1. Develop long-term financial forecast that fairly depicts the reality of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative.
2. Achieve Board consensus that best provides for long-term stability

for the member-owners of Wayne-White.

3. Effectively communicate the plan to the employees and member-owners.

Prior to coming to Wayne-White, I was employed at Monroe County Electric Cooperative in Waterloo, Illinois, for 19 years, followed by nine years as General Manager at Warren County REMC in Williamsport, Indiana.

During my 28 years in the cooperative program, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative had great respect from its peers. Although I profess to be a realist by nature, I am confident that by working together, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative has the ability to thrive in the long-term. Certainly there are significant obstacles, but the member-owners of electric cooperatives have always been resilient and proud of the accomplishments of the past.

As we approach the holidays and look forward to a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our cooperative members and their families a safe and happy holiday season. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,
Daryl Donjon
CEO/General Manager

Annual Safety Testing on Truck Fleet

The fleet of insulated trucks at Wayne-White recently went through mandatory testing by Delta Mobile Testing of LaGrange, KY. The annual tests ensure that the cooperative-owned trucks continue to meet OSHA standards for safety by measuring the dielectric capacity and structural integrity. The mobile testing van comes equipped with a step-up transformer and generator to perform the tests, which generally take about two hours per truck.



A Delta technician attaches a test lead to one of the bucket areas of the truck.

Convect Air Energy Efficient Convection Heaters Now Available at the Cooperative

Are you looking for a way to subsidize your current heating system without spending a fortune? Before you trash your present furnace or run out and buy four space heaters at the local hardware store, consider a convection heater by Convect Air, available at Wayne-White.

If you have used baseboard heaters in your home, you've heard their trademark crackling as they heat up or cool down. Fan-forced wall-insert heaters are even worse, noisily starting and stopping as the temperature goes up and down. With forced air, the furnace makes a noise every time it starts up. And with hot-water radiators, the sound of water gurgling through the radiators, which causes them to expand, is likely to be annoying, especially during the night. When you subsidize your main heating source with Convectair natural convection heaters, you hear nothing but the sound of silence!

Convect Air units feature a unique heating element. It consists of an X-shaped monoblock that is surface-treated to heat more efficiently, with no expansion noise. The natural convection design also avoids the need for a fan. You'll know that your Convectair heater is working by the comfort you feel. The Convectair heating unit naturally draws in the cool air along the floor and then reheats it, using a highly efficient patented heating element. The heated air rises in the unit and is gently diffused through the grilles at the top.

The intake of cool air from the bottom of the unit and the output of warm air from the top is known



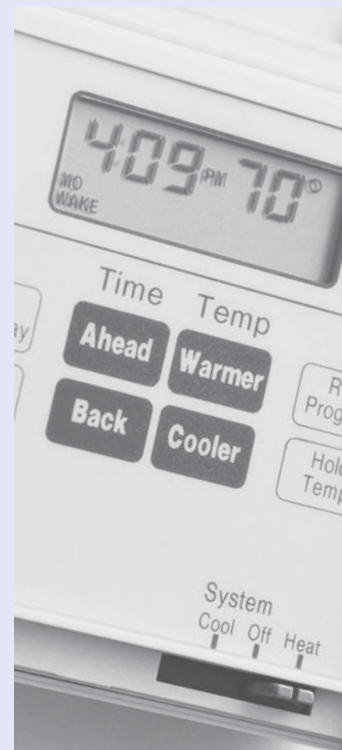
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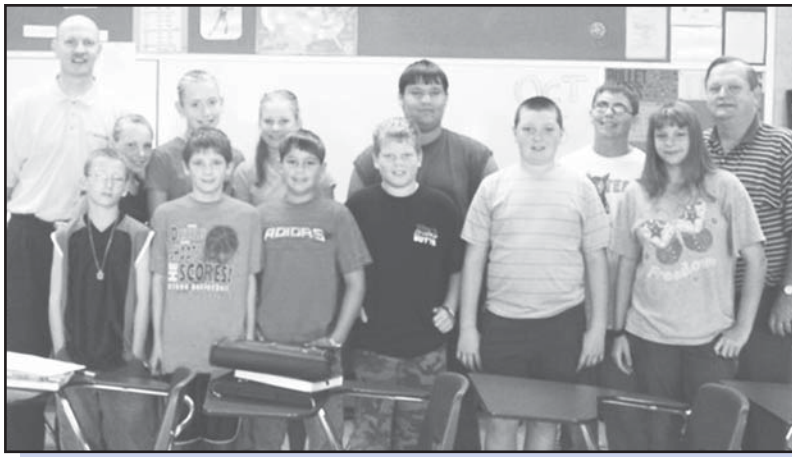


as the "chimney effect." This natural acceleration pushes the hot air to the front of the unit rather than towards the wall, and helps the heat to spread evenly throughout the entire room. Hot and cool air mix more rapidly and efficiently. You feel much more comfortable, since the degree of warmth that you've selected is the same throughout the entire room. With Convectair, cold feet are a thing of the past! But that's not all: convection reduces heating costs, since the heat produced is distributed more efficiently and evenly. And since a natural convection Convectair unit doesn't require a motor or fan, it operates in total silence. Stop by and see the Convect Air heaters at our Fairfield office or visit our Web site at www.WWCEC.com and click on "products."

Are You Switching To All Electric Heat?

In recent months, many people have converted their homes to all electric. As the winter months approach, electricity will continue to be an affordable energy source for heating your home. The "all electric heat rate" at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative is in effect from November 1 to May 1. If you are an "all electric residential account," you qualify for a rate of just .05 per kwh hour on electricity consumed above 1,500 kwh per month during this time. If you convert to all electric heat, or build a new home with all electric heat during this period, contact Wayne-White at 842-2196 to receive this special rate.





Co-Op Employees Volunteer With Junior Achievement

Wayne-White employees Randy Olson and Lisa Arview have been volunteering as consultant/instructors for the local Junior Achievement (JA) Program in Wayne County during a 10-week period. Olson is pictured (top photo, far left) with Mr. Garland Keck's 7th grade class at Cisne Middle School.

While Arview (bottom photo, far right) is pictured with Mrs. Debbie Webb's 8th grade class at New Hope School. Since its founding in 1919, Junior Achievement has contributed to the business and economics education of young people in the United States. The purpose is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives. JA is a not-for-profit organization based in Colorado Springs, CO. It is financed by businesses, foundations, and individual donors. Many Wayne County area business people are providing volunteer service at area grade schools as part of the local JA effort. Olson works in the Member Services department at Wayne-White, while Arview works in Human Resources.



The Gift of **FREEDOM**

As you enjoy this festive holiday season with family and friends, pause and give thanks to the many service men and women who are serving our country overseas. Their commitment is insuring the gift of freedom for all of us.

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WELCOME NEW COOPERATIVE MEMBERS



- Myra Austin, Norris City, IL 62869
- Dennis Albers, Breese, IL 62230
- Natasha Armstrong,
Crossville, IL 62827
- Thomas E. Batteese,
McLeansboro, IL 62859
- Dixie Blackford, Mill Shoals, IL 62862
- Janalice Bowen, Oakland, IL 61943
- Gregory & Heather Coomes,
Dahlgren, IL 62828
- Kevin Doty, Albion, IL 62806
- First National Bank,
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
- Jeramie Caldwell, Sims, IL 62886
- Eric Gholson, Enfield, IL 62835
- Sara Hallam, Fairfield, IL 62837
- Hamilton County Communications,
Dahlgren, IL 62828
- Georgia & George Houck,
Grayville, IL 62844
- Douglas Jennings, Fairfield, IL 62837
- Ross W. & Alma L. Lisenby,
Peoria, IL 61614
- Archie & Ruby McDowell,
Evansville, IN 47712
- James & Mary Moore, Albion, IL 62806
- Roseann Pack, Norris City, IL 62869
- Bonnie & LeRoy Pearson,
Carmi, IL 62821
- Aaron T. Smith, Carmi, IL 62821
- Michael & Kimberly Smith,
Wayne City, IL 62895
- Robert A. Stone, Wayne City, IL 62895
- Embry & Lillie Stutzman,
Alexandria, MO. 63430
- Justin Titzer, Mill Shoals, IL 62862
- Scott & Connie VanWinkle,
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- Holly Wilkerson, Wayne City, IL 62895
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