

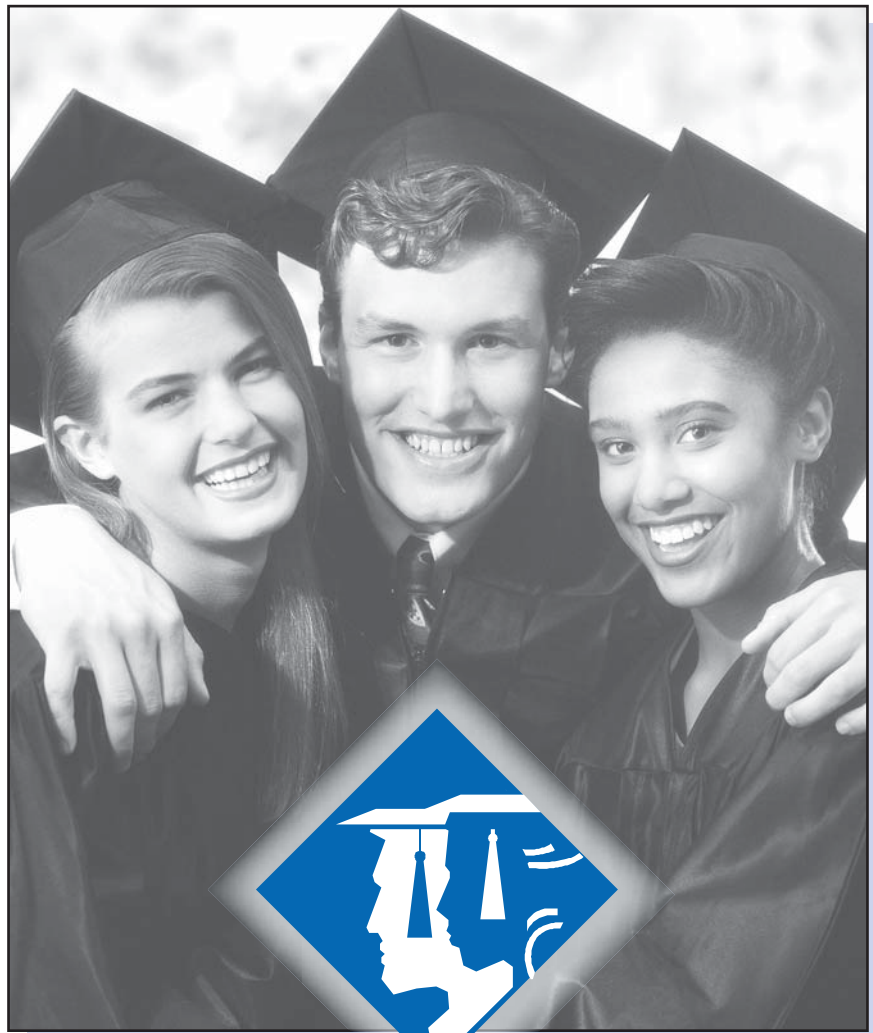
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Applications for IEC Scholarships Available

Five college scholarships of \$1,250 each are up for grabs during the 2005-2006 Illinois Electric Cooperative Memorial Scholarship Program. Applications are open to any high school senior, and must be submitted by January 1, 2006. Applications and complete rules are available at both the Fairfield and Enfield offices of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, or contact your local high school guidance counselor.

Three scholarships will be awarded to students who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois Electric Cooperative member who is currently receiving services from the cooperative. A fourth scholarship will be awarded to a student who

is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. A fifth scholarship (new for 2006) will be reserved for use at a two-year Illinois community college. Sons and daughters of cooperative members, employees, and directors are eligible.

The scholarship program was established in 1994 by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC). It was designed to provide financial assistance to deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” Scholarships are awarded based upon grade point average, college entrance test scores (ACT or SAT), work and volunteer experience, biographical statement, and a short 500 word essay demonstrating knowledge of electric cooperatives.

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Tankless Electric Water Heaters...The Untold Story

There has been a lot of buzz about tankless (instantaneous) water heaters lately.

In fact, we receive so many inquiries about them at the cooperative that we decided to investigate the validity and value of the product and report our findings to the membership.

Modern tankless water heaters incorporate computer chips, an array of sensors and high-powered inputs. It can be a complicated device with special demand requirements before installation. They are about the size of a briefcase, and the water is heated very rapidly as it flows through a heat-exchange coil, only when the hot water tap is open. Tankless water heaters are sized by flow rate as measured in gallons per minute (GPM). The required size is determined from your highest demand for hot water at any one time. Since most families often require several hot water appliances to operate at the same time, this can be a problem. If you seek to run the dishwasher or washing machine while showering, it may not be possible. If you have more than one shower in operation, it may be a problem.

Water quality is an important issue with tankless heaters. Unless your water is very pure, very few users can expect longevity with this product. Because of the extreme high temperature required to heat the water during the short trip through the heat exchange unit, many minerals precipitate out of the water and deposit on the coils of the unit, shortening its life. This applies to both gas and electric units. Most warranties are voided if water hardness is too high. You may also need to have your wa-



ter analyzed for carbon dioxide, chlorides, copper, iron, and more. Read the warranty to be sure before you buy.

Electrical wiring and service load is another consideration with a tankless water heater. Family sized models require 240 volts and up to 150 amps capacity to operate. This may require an extensive wiring upgrade in your home. These units are not do-it-yourself installations and definitely not fix-it yourself products. That is precisely why you don't see them sold in the local hardware stores or Wal-Mart. Most tankless units are only sold and serviced by "factory-trained" technicians who carry 60+ page troubleshooting manuals and numerous meters and thermometers with them due to the sensors and electronics onboard. The suggested retail price of a tankless system ranges

from \$600 to \$1,100 depending upon size. Warranties also vary greatly.

Tankless water heaters do offer some advantages in that they are compact, and quite effective in point of use applications. However, their use as the central source of hot water in a residence should be carefully considered. While tankless water heaters may offer some modest energy cost savings over storage water heaters, those minimal gains are at the expense of higher purchase and installation costs, higher maintenance costs, and the potential need for lifestyle changes to accommodate the limited flow rate output of tankless units. Research aside, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative will continue to sell traditional storage tank hot water heaters in a variety of energy efficiency ratings, warranty programs, and price ranges to meet the needs of our membership.

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS on Wayne-White Web site

Do you have some items that are collecting dust around your home, closet, basement, or attic? Why not turn those items into cash and sell the items for FREE on the popular Wayne-White Web site? You can place items to sell, buy, rent, or giveaway under numerous different categories. We can even create a new category for you, if needed. Just go to our Web site at www.WWCEC.com and click on Classified Ads. You can register and login on the site and be able to enter listings online for free. You can even submit digital photos of your items to sell. There is no cost and no commission charge. If you have problems or questions, call Randy Olson, Web master at 842-2196.



Assistance Provided Following Katrina's Wrath

Linemen and tree clearance crews from Wayne-White spent several days in Alabama and Mississippi assisting other electric cooperatives in restoring power to homes and businesses that were ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Members of the first crew include, Standing L-R: Nathan Coston, Larry Smith, Jim Miles,

Jason McKinney, and Gerry Kinney. Sitting L-R: Mike Richardson, Kerry Merrit, and Randall Douglas.

Members of the second crew that rotated to the hurricane damage area include L-R: Zach Coston, Dave Johnson, Jason Atteberry, Lee Johnson, Carl McKibben, Lindy Simpson, David Orr, and Alan Kincart.



WELCOME NEW COOPERATIVE MEMBERS



- Jacob Abbott, Wayne City, IL 62895
- Tracy Allen, Fairfield, IL 62837
- James & Teresa Atteberry, Fairfield, IL
- Debra Bagwell, Noble, IL 62868
- Gregory A. Baldwin, Hoopeston, IL 60942
- Mike & Sarah Ballard, Broughton, IL 62817
- Jack & Lori Bowen, Eldorado, IL 62930
- Matt & Dana Britton, McLeansboro, IL 62859
- Eric L. Cope, Wayne City, IL 62895
- Misty R. Dallmier, West Salem, IL 62476
- Darrel & Donna DeLong, New Harmony, IN 47631
- John Donahue, Lockport, IL 60441
- Gary & Virginia Fouts, Xenia, IL 62889
- Robert & Kathy Heath, Rinard, IL 62878
- Galen & Joyce Johnson, Geneva, IL 60134
- Bryan & Melissa Karcher, Dahlgren, IL 62828
- Craig & Donna Kemper, Quinlan, TX 75474
- Kevin & Vicky Kobishop, Bluford, IL 62814
- Joe & Devin Lane, Norris City, IL 62869
- Lawson & Annie Lankford, Albion, IL 62806
- Brian & Jennifer Little, Carmi, IL 62821
- Megan Loomis, Carmi, IL 62821
- Charles T. McElroy Jr., Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
- Brandon Minor, Bluford, IL 62814
- Jason & Melissa Mullins, Dahlgren, IL 62828
- Patrick Murray Jr., Peotone, IL 60468
- Joseph L. Price, Norris City, IL 62869
- David & Sami Pruitt, Geff, IL 62842
- Matthew Tate, Norris City, IL 62869
- Carl L. Venable, Springerton, IL 62887
- Douglas & Peggy Vest, Noble, IL 62868
- Michael & Priscilla Wilinski, Fairfield, IL 62837
- Jesse Wilson, Enfield, IL 62835
- William Wilton, Dahlgren, IL 62828
- Chelsea Wood, Wayne City, IL 62895
- Ashley Woodrow, Springerton, IL 62887
- Jacquelyn & Michael Yon, Carmi, IL 62821

New Light Bulbs At Football Field

Lights...Camera...Action! The football season has been brighter at the Fairfield Community High School football field under the illumination of new light bulbs installed recently by Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative. In a joint effort between the high school and Wayne-White, linemen crews used a special extended size lift truck to reach the burned-out bulbs atop the tall 90-foot steel poles that are perched on concrete pillars. The high school paid for the use of the rental truck, while the cooperative provided the trained manpower to install the 1,500 watt bulbs.

Due to the location of each pole, a crane has been used in the past to reach the bulbs. The new rental lift truck became available this year, which made the job a little easier. Wayne-White personnel involved in the installation included Gerry Kinney, Mike Richardson, and Kerry Merrit.



Wayne-White Employee Spotlight

We will feature two or three cooperative employees each month in a special employee spotlight feature.



Earl Young is one of the mechanics at Wayne-White. He has worked for the cooperative in that capacity for 15 years. Earl, along with fellow mechanic

Joe McKittrick, is responsible for keeping the linemen trucks and other cooperative vehicles in good operating condition. This can range from making repairs to the hydraulic lifts on the bucket trucks, to routine oil changes, to rebuilding engines and carburetors. The Wayne-White vehicles log a lot of miles weekly, so regularly scheduled maintenance service work is vital to the successful operation of the fleet.

Prior to joining Wayne-White, Earl was a mechanic for Garman Trucking Company in Fairfield. He enjoys working with the other

employees at the cooperative. Earl grew up in Fairfield, graduated from FCHS, and went to mechanic school in Nashville, TN. His wife, Barbara, works as a nurse in Evansville. He has one son (deceased in 2004), two grandchildren, three step grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. Barbara has three grown children and one grandchild.

Earl enjoys working in the ministry, visiting people, and traveling. Earl and Barbara recently took a Caribbean Cruise, which he ranks among his favorite vacation experiences.



Judy Wood has been a secretary/receptionist at Wayne-White for 13 years. She is one of the friendly faces that greet customers in the front lobby at the Fairfield office. Judy enjoys meet-

ing the public and assists in handling daily customer service needs in person and on the phone. She also takes care of time keeping and renewals of power stat cards.

Judy grew up in Robinson, Illinois, graduating from Robinson High School. She attended college at Lincoln Trail College where she obtained an Associate Degree. Her husband is Curt Wood, who is employed at Champion Labs in Albion. They have three boys. Derek and Heath live in Alabama, and Mitchell, an FCHS student, is still at home.

Judy enjoys yard work and flower gardening. She and Curt also enjoy following NASCAR drivers Terry Labonte, Curt Busch, and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. Their favorite place to visit as a vacation destination is Bristol, TN.