

THE *Southwestern*

A SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBER MAGAZINE

OCTOBER 2019 • VOLUME 71 • ISSUE 10

Energy Evolution

WORDS & PHOTOS FROM THE 81ST
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

**MEMBERS
ELECTED TO
CO-OP BOARD**

**SAVE WITH A
SOUTHWESTERN
REBATE**

**RECYCLE
YOUR OLD
ELECTRONICS**

**WEATHERIZE
FOR WINTER**

**GRAIN BIN
SAFETY**

**HALLOWEEN
HOODWINKS**

Inside This Issue

04 Save With Our Rebates
Bought a heat pump, water heater or smart thermostat recently? Plan to install one or more of these energy-saving items soon? You may qualify for a Southwestern rebate!

05 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Are old electronics cluttering your living space? Bring your obsolete gadgets to our collection sites and they'll be repurposed by an EPA-approved recycling center.

CO-OP REMINDERS

October 5

Electronics recycling drive at the cooperative's St. Jacob office, 10031 Ellis Road.

October 14

Payment processing systems will be unavailable from midnight to 4 a.m. while we perform system maintenance. No payments will be processed during this time. We will resume processing payments at 4:01 a.m.

November 11

Offices closed in observance of Veterans Day.

06 Annual Meeting Moments
Membership growth, energy efficiency and electric vehicles were the marquee messages at Southwestern Electric's 81st Annual Meeting of Members.

10 Election Results
Three co-op members were elected to Southwestern's board of directors during September's annual meeting. You'll find election results here.

14 Energy & Efficiency
October may be mild, but winter weather is on the way. Zip out cold air and button up savings by following these simple tips.

16 Health & Safety
Building a grain bin? Call us first! Planning today could save lives tomorrow.

18 Out & About
DeMoulin Bros. & Co. produces some of the nation's finest band uniforms. But the name was once synonymous with paddle machines, exploding telephones, branding irons and bucking goats. Take a guided tour through history and hear tales of hijinks and hoodwinks at Greenville's DeMoulin Museum.

On the Cover

Adam Simmonds, journeyman lineman, resets a fuse during a live line safety demonstration at Southwestern Electric Cooperative's 81st Annual Meeting of Members. Kyle Hails, maintenance foreman, Leo Dublo, construction foreman, and Simmonds worked as a team to demonstrate the dangers of electricity at one of the meeting's most popular activities. Our annual meeting story begins on page 6.



20 Who-What-Where?
This month we reveal the name of a prominent Madison County resident and challenge you to identify the location of a monument to a Swiss poet.

22 Co-op Kitchen
Haunted by a shortage of autumn recipes? We can help! This month we're preparing pumpkin in the co-op kitchen.

24 Current Events
Enjoy fall festivals in Pocahontas and Centralia, brave a haunted trail in Carlyle, encounter owls in Dow, spend an evening in Edwardsville with Edgar Allan Poe, and go to Grafton for towboat and river talk.

27 Final Frame
Car Talk.
On Account: We've hidden a member-account number in this issue (mailing label excluded). If the account number belongs to you, contact us within 30 days and we'll take \$25 off your electric bill. Good luck!

Board of Directors

Ann Schwarm, President Loogootee
Sandy Grapperhaus, Vice President .. Collinsville
Annette Hartlieb, Secretary Vandalia
Sandy Nevinger, Treasurer Greenville
Jerry Gaffner Greenville
Richard M. Gusewelle Edwardsville
William "Bill" Jennings Alhambra
Jared Stine St. Elmo
Ted Willman Greenville

CEO

Bobby Williams Chief Executive Officer

The Southwestern

Joe Richardson Editor
e-mail: joe.richardson@sweci.com
Mike Barns Art Director
e-mail: mike.barns@sweci.com

Satellite Locations:

St. Jacob Office
10031 Ellis Road, St. Jacob, IL 62281

St. Elmo Distribution Center
2117 East 1850 Avenue, St. Elmo, IL 62458

Southwestern Electric Cooperative reserves the right to re-print member comments and correspondence in its cooperative educational and promotional materials.

The Southwestern (USPS 612-500) is published monthly by Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. Periodical postage paid at Greenville, IL. Subscriptions cost \$8.85 per year. Comments or questions regarding material in this publication may be mailed to Joe Richardson, editor of *The Southwestern*, c/o Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., 525 US Route 40, Greenville, IL 62246, or e-mailed to joe.richardson@sweci.com.

Postmaster: Send address corrections to *The Southwestern*, 525 U.S. Route 40, Greenville, IL 62246.

Apple and the Apple logo are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries. App Store is a service mark of Apple Inc. Android, Google Play and the Google Play logo are trademarks of Google Inc.

Electric Youth

With each passing year our annual meeting gets a little younger. Our 81st annual meeting of members? Likely our youngest yet. That may bear some explaining.

As we sifted through shots of the meeting, we noted the number of kids in frame. At the carnival, in the gym, tucked inside electric vehicles, wielding EV charging station plugs like lightsabers, watching the live line demo—they were everywhere. And those were just the kids attending the meeting. Students—many of them your kids—ran the concessions, helped at the carnival and lent a hand with exhibits.

While we never lose sight of the meeting’s objectives—to conduct co-op business, discuss the year that was and talk about projects that will be—we plan the meeting with your kids in mind. The students of today are the members of tomorrow—making now the ideal time to teach them the principles and practices that make Southwestern a cooperative.

As Sandy Nevinger, director and chair of Southwestern’s Scholarship Committee said during her podium address, “Your kids are our future. We’ve met a lot of your kids at our annual meeting, at career days, when we’ve hosted live line safety demonstrations at your schools, and through local school CEO programs. We feel like our future is in very good hands.”

Nevinger said since 1995, Southwestern has provided \$255,000 in financial assistance to nearly 400 students who are furthering their education. This year the cooperative awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 10 students, including seven graduating seniors and three students who graduated prior to 2019.

“Most of those students are away at college today,” Nevinger told the membership. “But they were home in May. And they recorded messages for you during a reception at the co-op office. They had some help doing that.”

Nevinger said George Timmerman, a 2019 Greenville High School graduate who came to the attention of Southwestern’s management team through the Bond County CEO Program, recorded and edited the video. “George is now a freshman at Murray State University, in Murray, Kentucky, which is about three and half hours away, but he came home this weekend to spend time with his family, and with us.”

The membership recognized Timmerman and Anthony Klitzing, a 2019 scholarship recipient and student at University of Illinois, who attended the annual meeting, then listened to greetings and thanks via video from the scholarship recipients. “It’s a privilege to be involved in our communities, our schools, and in the lives of our students,” Nevinger said.

Ted Willman, director and Scholarship Committee member, concluded the program by announcing the recipient of Southwestern’s Annual Meeting Scholarship—Rebecca Kuhns of Altamont. You’ll find photos of Timmerman, Klitzing, Kuhns and other students in our annual meeting story. It begins on page 6.

Joe Richardson, editor
joe.richardson@sweci.com





Co-op Offers New Rebates for High Efficiency Heat Pumps, Electric Water Heaters, Smart Thermostats

You spoke, we listened! In response to survey comments collected earlier this year and at last year’s annual meeting, we’re offering a new rebate program. This program will honor the replacement or new installation of air source heat pumps, geothermal systems, electric water heaters and smart thermostats purchased after February 28, 2018.

All rebates will be applied as a bill credit upon receiving the completed rebate application and proof of purchase. Rebate forms are available on our website at sweci.com. You can email your completed application and proof of purchase to julie.lowe@sweci.com, or mail it to: Julie Lowe, 525 US Route 40, Greenville, IL 62246. You’re also welcome to drop off your materials at our Greenville office.

HEATING AND COOLING

High efficiency heat pumps can significantly increase the comfort of your home while lowering your energy bills. If you’re thinking of upgrading to or installing a new air source or ground source heat pump, our rebate will help you offset some of the cost.

To qualify for our \$300 rebate, your heat pump may be installed in a newly constructed home, or replace electric resistance heat, propane or fuel oil heat. Installed backup heat must be electric, and the condenser and coil must be replaced and/or installed as a matched set.

Requirements for air source heat pumps include:

- At least 16 SEER
- 9 HSPF

Requirements for ground source (geothermal) heat pumps include:

- For closed systems—at least 17 SEER; COP 3.6
- For open systems – at least 21.1 SEER; COP 4.1

WATER HEATERS

Water heating accounts for about 18 percent of your home’s energy use. Choosing an energy efficient water heater can help you reduce your monthly water heating bills.

To qualify for our \$250 water heater rebate, you can install an electric water heater as part of a newly constructed home, or replace an existing gas water heater with an electric model.

Your water heater must be at least 50 gallons and one rebate is allowed per home.

On-demand water heaters do not qualify for a rebate.

SMART THERMOSTATS

A smart thermostat learns your lifestyle and adjusts the temperature of your home automatically, helping you use less energy and save money.

With a smart thermostat, you can control your home’s temperature settings, even when you’re at work or on the road. Connected to your Wi-Fi, your smart thermostat allows you to monitor and change your home’s temperature from your smart phone, tablet or PC.

You can install a smart thermostat as part of a newly constructed home, or replace an existing manual or programmable thermostat.

To qualify for our \$50 rebate, your smart thermostat must be:

- Energy Star certified
- Internet-enabled

Have questions? Call Julie Lowe at (800) 637-8667 or email her at julie.lowe@sweci.com.

SOUTHWESTERN HOSTS ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE

We're a nation in love with electronics. According to a recent report by the Consumer Electronics Association, you probably have about 30 electronic devices in your home. While most of them play an important role in your daily activities, likely as not, you have an outdated TV, PC or mobile phone that's been collecting dust in your attic for years.

We can help you free up that space.

In late summer and early autumn, Southwestern Electric will host an electronics recycling drive. You're invited to bring your obsolete electronics to our collection sites on the dates listed below. A truck will be present to receive your items. All collections will begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon or when the truck is filled—whichever comes first.

Your electronics will be collected and recycled by a regional, EPA-approved recycling center. Electronics recycling—or e-cycling—is the process of refurbishing, redistributing and reusing electronic devices and components, rather than discarding them. It extends the life cycle of electronics and lowers their overall environmental impact.

WE CAN HELP YOU RECYCLE A VARIETY OF ELECTRONICS, INCLUDING:

- Computers, monitors, printers, cables and peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.)
- Fax machines, scanners, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers.
- Video game consoles, digital video disc player/recorders, portable digital music players.
- Networking equipment, server, telecommunications, phones, cell phones and clocks.
- VCRs, stereos, and audio/video equipment (including cable/satellite).
- Holiday lights and metal decorations.
- Electrical, cabling, communication machinery, and equipment.
- Home electronics, blenders, toasters, irons, etc.
- Rechargeable batteries (NIMH battery, li-ion battery and NICD battery)
- UPS battery backups

PLEASE NOTE:

- CRT TVs, console TVs and projection TVs will be accepted for a fee ranging from \$5-\$30 depending on their size and model. Flat screen TVs may be recycled at no charge. Please bring cash or check for payment.
- DVDs, CDs, and VHS and cassette tapes will not be accepted.

RECYCLING DRIVE LOCATION

•St. Jacob / October 5

Southwestern Electric's office at 10031 Ellis Road.

All collections will begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon or when the truck is filled—whichever comes first.



View, Pay,
Create,
Update,
Alert,
Report,
Send &
Receive?



There's
an app
for that.

Look for SWEC IL on Google Play or the App Store.



Southwestern Electric Annual Meeting Spotlights Potential of Electric Vehicles



Ann Schwarm (above), president of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, explains how electric vehicles serve the needs of co-op members while supporting energy sales. Opposite page: In the last decade, energy-savvy members have adopted habits and technology that keep electricity use in check, even as the membership grows (graph). Leo Dublo, construction foreman, monitors a fire on an energized line during a live line safety demonstration.

Membership growth, energy efficiency and the potential for electric vehicles to serve rural America while buoying power sales were the marquee messages delivered during Southwestern Electric Cooperative's 81st Annual Meeting of Members, held Saturday, Sept. 7, at Greenville Junior High School in Greenville.

More than 1,200 people from Southwestern Illinois attended the meeting, which included live line electrical safety demonstrations, health screenings, activities for kids, and the co-op's business meeting and election of directors.

"We're investing in new infrastructure to keep up with member growth, and at the same time, we're maintaining a system that's 80 years old," said Southwestern CEO Bobby Williams, addressing a packed gym. "That maintenance is vital work. It's also costly. Our membership is growing. Our energy sales are not. So how do we serve a growing membership when our revenue isn't keeping pace?"

Williams said Southwestern was advocating technology that meets member needs while supporting power sales. "We drive sales by driving change," he said. "We drive change

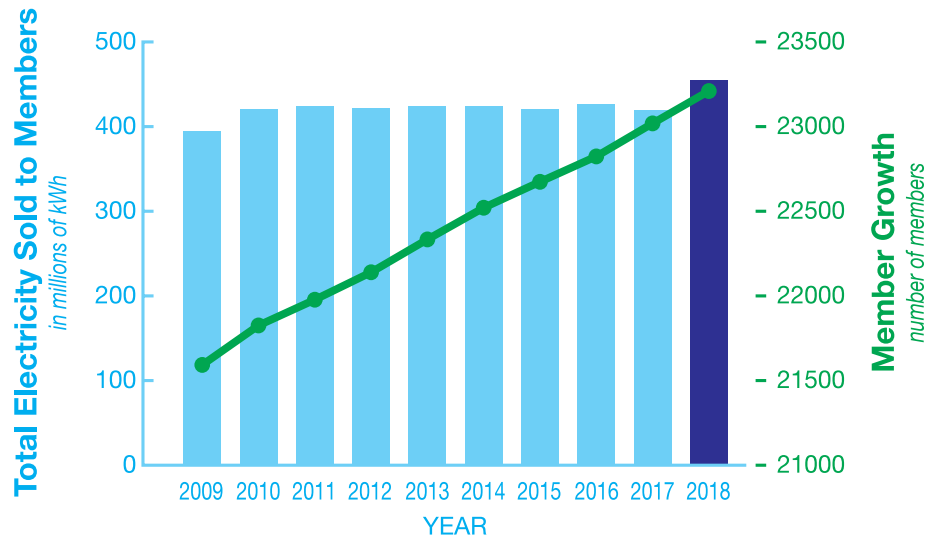
by educating our region about the advantages of electric vehicles.”

Williams told members more than 1 million electric vehicles (EVs) are on U.S. roads, and the number of EVs in America is expected to double in the next three years. “If you’d told me in 2015 that EVs would be a viable, growing market in 2019, I wouldn’t have believed you. Today, I’m a believer. Prices continue to fall as more models come to market. And the cost to operate an EV is significantly less than what you’d pay for a comparable gas-engine automobile.”

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, as of Aug. 31, the average price for a gallon of gas in Illinois was \$2.50. The average cost of fueling a comparable vehicle with electricity was \$1.20 per eGallon. “Factor in fuel savings and the cost of replacement parts you can forego with an electric car—then consider the extended life of braking systems in electric automobiles,” he added, “and you can see how EV ownership savings add up.”

Continued on next page ➤

Sales Versus Growth



“Southwestern is focused on delivering reliable, affordable electricity but we are not locked in to only the traditional ways of doing so.”

Ann Schwarm, President





Southwestern CEO Bobby Williams (above) explains the economics of electric vehicles.

Right: Members react to an anecdote from Director Ted Willman.

Below: National home warranty company Home-Serve explains the benefits of repair coverage for major home systems and appliances.



➤ *Continued from page 7*

Williams said if 1 percent of the membership drove EVs, it would increase power sales enough to provide members with thousands of new poles, miles of new steel-reinforced power line, and new technology to improve system performance. “Because you’ll charge that car at home, and you’ll still be money ahead, since the cost of an eGallon—which includes the power you used to recharge your battery—is less than half what you’re paying at the pump.”

With EVs covering up to 300 miles on an overnight charge, many Southwestern members could drive to work and home again, several times, between charges, Williams said. “If you’re on the road and running low on charge, there are about 22,000 charging stations in the U.S. We have more charging stations in this country than we have Starbucks or McDonald’s. And that number is growing weekly.”

Locally, Edwardsville and Effingham are already home to public EV charging stations, Williams noted. “We’re exploring opportunities to partner with communities along I-70 to support the development of additional eStations, making Southwestern Electric’s service area an EV-advantaged zone.

“Each time you charge your EV at home, you’re investing in infrastructure that provides safe, reliable power for your home, business, and your cooperative community.”

CEO Bobby Williams

“In years to come, you’ll have a choice. You can pay at the pump and support petroleum companies, or pay at the plug and invest in your local cooperative, which invests in you,” he said. “Each time you charge your EV at home, you’re investing in infrastructure that provides safe, reliable power for your home, business, and your cooperative community.”

Ann Schwarm, president of Southwestern Electric, expanded on the theme, telling members that from 2009 to 2018 the cooperative’s membership grew from 21,598 members to 23,215 members, an increase of 7.5 percent. Conversely, the co-op’s power sales remained flat during that period.

“Everything from LEDs, to solar panels, to energy-efficient appliances, to more effective insulation, windows, and heating and cooling systems in

Continued on page 12 ➤



(1) Director Sandy Nevinger thanks Bond County CEO Program alumnus George Timmerman for his work on the annual meeting scholarship video. (2) Southwestern’s 2019 Annual Meeting Scholarship recipient, Rebecca Kuhns of Altamont, is congratulated by the crowd. (3) Scholarship recipient Tony Klitzing (right) and parents Terry Klitzing and Joyce Schumacher are greeted by the membership. (4) Timothy Ordonez, Bond County CEO student, assists at the carnival. (5) A Greenville Elementary School student flashes a smile after singing the National Anthem with his peers.



Three Co-op Members Elected to Southwestern's Board of Directors

Three members of Southwestern Electric Cooperative were elected to the co-op's board of directors during Southwestern Electric's 81st Annual Meeting of Members, held Saturday, Sept. 7, at Greenville Junior High School in Greenville. Southwestern members elected one director from each of the co-op's three voting districts.

From District I, incumbent Sandy Grapperhaus of Collinsville defeated challengers James Ryan Morris of St. Jacob and Chris Burcham of Edwardsville. Grapperhaus received 918 votes, Morris received 138 votes and 127 votes were cast for Burcham.

From District II, incumbent Ted Willman of Greenville defeated challenger Roger Thiems of Sorento. Willman received 802 votes, while 420 members cast votes for Thiems.

Ann Schwarm, an incumbent from District III who resides in Loogootee, ran unopposed and was elected by acclamation.

Each director will serve a three-year term on the board.

Sandy Grapperhaus

Sandy Grapperhaus' rural roots run deep. A lifelong local resident, she's been a member of Southwestern Electric for more than 30 years and served on the board since 2011.

During her most recent term, she worked with the co-op's directors and management team to guide infrastructure investment and support the installation of new technology across Southwestern's distribution system.

Sandy Grapperhaus has served as vice president of Southwestern's board of directors since 2018. She chairs the cooperative's Business Development & Marketing Committee,

and serves on the Executive Committee, Policies & Bylaws Committee, and Technology & Cybersecurity Committee. She has earned a Credentialed Cooperative Director designation from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Sandy Grapperhaus is the executive assistant at Korte Construction Co. in Highland. She also helps her husband, Dan, with their small farm between Troy and Collinsville. They have three grown children.

Ted Willman

Ted Willman has been a cooperative leader for more than a quarter century. Shortly after becoming a Southwestern Electric member in 1987, Willman joined the co-op's Nominations Committee. He served on the committee for 13 years before being elected to the board in 2001.

He's earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director designation and a Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and presently serves on three Southwestern Electric board committees: Scholarships, Community & Public Relations, and Business Development & Marketing.

Willman credits the co-op's strong financial position to the support of the membership and the board's ability to build differing points of view into a single, unified vision. A farmer since 1976, Ted Willman resides south of Greenville.

Ann Schwarm

During her most recent term, Ann Schwarm led the board in strategic planning, assisted in the transition to a new CEO and three new directors, and worked with Southwestern's board and management team to support infrastructure improvements throughout the co-op's service area.

Schwarm brings to her role on the board a diverse professional background, with experience in agricultural communications, program development, education and small-business management. She retired from the Regional Office of Education in 2016 with 21 years of service.

She's also served on the First National Bank of Vandalia board of directors for the past 21 years, and spent four years on the Brownstown Community Unit School District Board. She is a 1979 graduate of the University of Missouri-School of Journalism.

Ann and her husband, Gene, live on a farm in rural Loogootee. They have been married for 38 years and have two grown sons.



Members elected three directors to the co-op's board during the annual meeting. Pictured are (l-r) Southwestern CEO Bobby Williams with directors Sandy Grapperhaus of Collinsville, Ted Willman of Greenville, and Ann Schwarm of Loogootee.



This page: Members explore a Tesla Model 3 (upper left) and Chevrolet Bolt EV. Allen and Susan Adomite of Troy shared their Tesla the morning of the meeting. Susan (pictured in the driver's seat) explained the capabilities of their electric vehicle. Weber Granite City Chevrolet loaned the Bolt to Southwestern.



Left: Chris Botulinski (right), vice president of engineering for Southwestern Electric, discusses EVs and home charging stations with a Southwestern member.





1



2

(1) Charlotte Weber (left), Operation Round Up (ORU) Committee chair, and Susan File, Southwestern's vice president of member services, explain how ORU assists area volunteer fire fighters.

(2) Members packed the gym to play bingo and await the business meeting.

3) Annette Brown, Southwestern meter technician, serves breakfast with DeMoulin Museum volunteers Gina Goldsmith and Jerry Lewis, and Bond County 4-H member Trent Obermark.



3

➤ *Continued from page 9*

new builds, to conscientious energy conservation has impacted the use of electricity,” Schwarm said. “Southwestern is focused on delivering reliable, affordable electricity but we are not locked in to only the traditional ways of doing so.”

Schwarm pointed out that early iterations of EV technology didn't offer the range of today's vehicles, and that the price gap between combustion engine automobiles and electric vehicles will continue to close as market competition among manufacturers grows.

“Electric vehicles needing power to continue their journeys are passing through our territory every day,” she said, noting that Interstate 70 runs the length of Southwestern's service area, and that the co-op is bracketed by Interstates 55 and 57. “Southwestern CEO Bobby Williams and other members of our staff are working to establish opportunities to sell power to these travelers.

“As electric vehicles become more widely available and the purchase price continues to fall, more of our members will become EV owners and charge their vehicles at home. What does this mean for you if you never plan to own and use an electric vehicle? As a member, you will benefit because electricity sales will increase, and the cooperative will invest that revenue in infrastructure that serves you, your family, and your friends and neighbors,” Schwarm said. **S**



Russell Gilbert (right), general manager of Freedom Power Station, lends sound to Andy Somraty of Worden, who offers a question about operational efficiencies.



1



2

Clockwise from top: (1) A young attendee catches a flyin' flapjack. (2) Bond County 4-H member Joely Craver (right) helps a carnival-goer pitch for a prize. (3) Kyle Hails, Southwestern maintenance foreman, explains the dangers of electricity during a live line safety demonstration. (4) Co-op dispatchers (l-r) Natalie Goestenkors, Kim Jackson and Lauren Schoen equip kids with gifts at the carnival. (5) Julie Lowe, Southwestern energy manager, explains the co-op's new rebate program to a member. (6) Brian Mills, Southwestern staking engineer, and Marilyn VanUytven, payroll and benefits specialist, take a moment to recharge.



3



6



4



5



BE WINTER WISE & *Weatherize*

IT'S TIME TO BUTTON UP YOUR HOME'S WINTER COAT

Autumn has arrived, bringing relief to overworked home cooling systems across Southwestern Illinois—and winter will be here before you know it. Fortunately, a few simple and inexpensive tasks can help prepare your home for the coming cold.

Plug the Leaks. Sealing leaks with caulk and weather-stripping will keep more warm air inside when it's cold outside. Leaks are most commonly found around window and door frames, recessed lighting installations, pipes, vents and electrical outlets.



Clean Out the Gutters. In winter, clogged gutter drains can form ice dams, which cause water to back up and potentially seep into your house. After trees have shed most of their leaves, make time to clear your gutters. Start by removing leaves and debris, then rinse out the gutters with a hose.

Check the Furnace. Before winter sets in, make sure your furnace is



working properly. You'll have better luck scheduling service before temperatures drop and you're competing with your neighbors for an appointment. Even if your furnace seems to be in good working order, it's a good idea to have it serviced annually. Stock up on furnace filters and plan to change them regularly so your heating system can operate efficiently.

Work on the Windows. Don't let warm air escape through your windows. If you have drafty windows, consider replacing them before cold weather hits. If window replacement isn't in your budget, pick up an inexpensive window insulator kit to provide temporary coverage through the coldest months. Autumn is also a good time to replace temporary window screens with storm windows, which provide an extra layer of protection and warmth.

Protect the Plumbing. Protect your pipes from freezing (and possibly bursting) by turning off the water at the shut-off valve, then turning on your

outdoor faucets to let them drain. If you haven't already done so, drain any outdoor hoses and bring them inside. If your home has uninsulated pipes that pass through unheated spaces, wrap them with pre-molded foam rubber sleeves. Not only are outdoor faucets vulnerable—pipes that run through attics, crawl spaces and exterior walls have the potential to burst in subfreezing weather as well.

Reverse the Fans. It may seem strange to run your ceiling fans when there's frost on the ground, but this technique can save money on your heating bills. Most ceiling fans have a small switch that reverses the rotation of the fan blades, pulling air up, instead of propelling it down, to help circulate warmer air that collects near the ceiling.

Southwestern Electric Cooperative offers many ideas to help you improve the energy efficiency of your home. For more information, contact Julie Lowe, energy manager, at (800) 637-8667 or julie.lowe@sweci.com.



Weather Stripping Seals In Energy Dollars

If you're like most people, half of your household energy budget goes to heating and cooling. Fortunately, there are a number of ways you can cut down on energy loss. Weather stripping is an easy, inexpensive way to keep out the cold while you seal in savings. There are a variety of materials you can use, ranging from rubber to foam to metal. Weather stripping also comes in varying depths and widths. Most stripping is simple to apply, but adhesives vary. Review the instructions on the weather stripping package to make sure the product you're buying will serve your needs.

Calculating how much weather stripping you'll need for a project is pretty straightforward.

- Measure the perimeter of the doors and windows you plan to weather strip (measure twice for accuracy).
- Total your numbers.
- Add 10 percent to your total to account for error.

Before you begin applying your stripping, make sure the surfaces you're working with are clean and dry. When you're measuring the stripping, the carpenter's adage applies: Measure twice, cut once.

Here are a few other tips:

- Weather stripping should be applied in temperatures above 20°F.
- Apply weather stripping firmly against the door or window and the frame. The stripping should compress when the window or door is shut.

Weather Stripping Doors

- Buy quality sweeps and thresholds for your doors.
- Weather strip the entire door jamb.
- Apply one continuous strip along each side.
- Make sure the stripping seals well at the corners.
- Choose a thickness that compresses tightly when you close the door, but doesn't make your door difficult to shut.

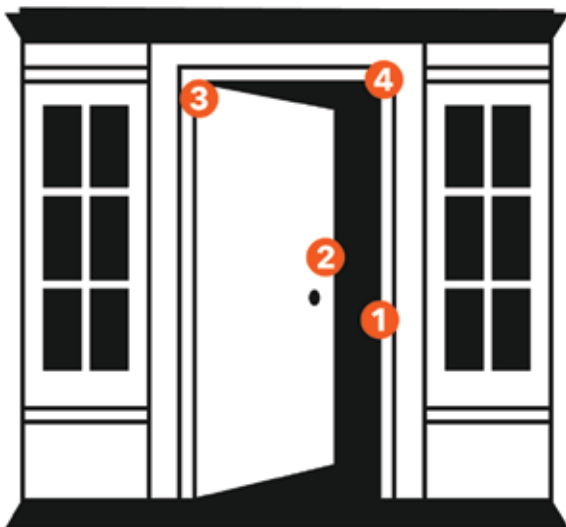
Weather Stripping Windows

- Apply stripping between the sash and the frame. As with your doors, you want the material to compress, but not interfere with the operation of your window.

WEATHER STRIPPING DOORS

Capturing Energy Savings by Sealing Air Leaks

Save energy and seal air leaks by weather stripping exterior doors. How do you know if you need to weather strip? If you can see any amount of light between the door frame and the floor, weather stripping should be applied to eliminate energy waste. This DIY energy-saving project is relatively easy and inexpensive depending on the type of materials selected. The most common weather stripping material is self-adhesive foam strips, although rubber, vinyl, metal, or a combination of materials may also be used.



- 1 CLEANING SURFACES** - Clean the door and door jamb to be weather stripped. For best results, weather stripping should be applied to clean, dry surfaces above 20°F.



- 2 MEASURING DOOR & DOOR JAMBS** - To ensure greater accuracy, measure your space twice before cutting the material. It is best to plan for one continuous strip for each side of the door and door jamb.

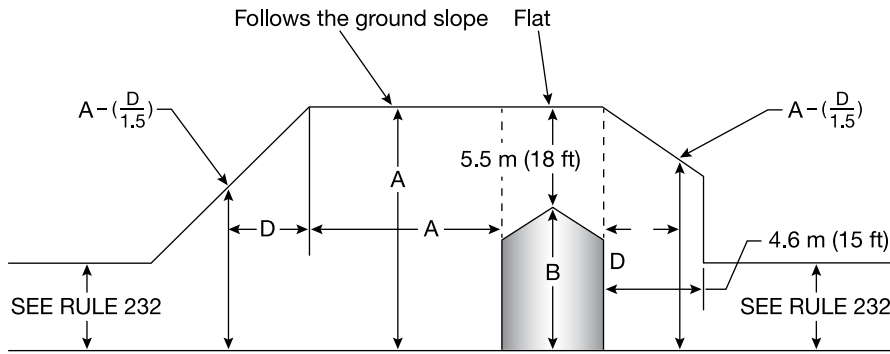


- 3 CUTTING FOAM** - Cut long pieces of self-adhesive weather stripping material (foam, vinyl, etc.) for each side of the door jamb and door.



- 4 APPLYING WEATHER STRIPPING** - Peel back the self-adhesive foam. Apply one continuous strip of material snugly along each side. Make sure the weather stripping meets tightly at the corners and is pressed firmly onto the door and door jamb. The material should compress tightly between the door and door jamb, without making it difficult to shut.

SOURCE: Department of Energy



B = Height of highest filling or probing port on grain bin
 A = B + 5.5 m (18 ft)
 D = Variable horizontal dimension

ELEVATION

In the area of sloped clearance, the vertical clearance is reduced by 300 mm (1 ft) for each additional 450 mm (1.5 ft) of horizontal distance from the grain bin.

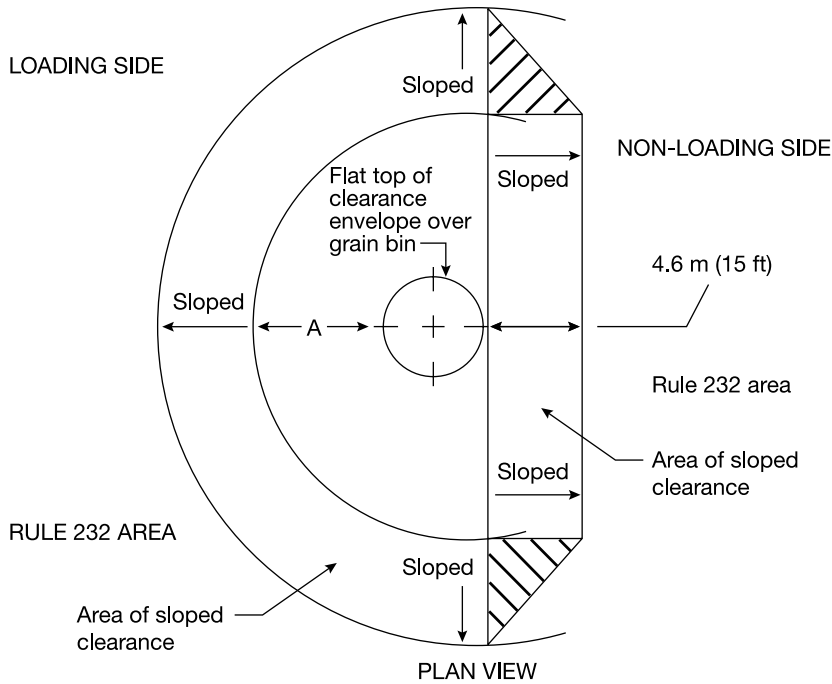


Figure 234-4(b) — Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by portable augers, conveyors, or elevators

Building a grain bin?

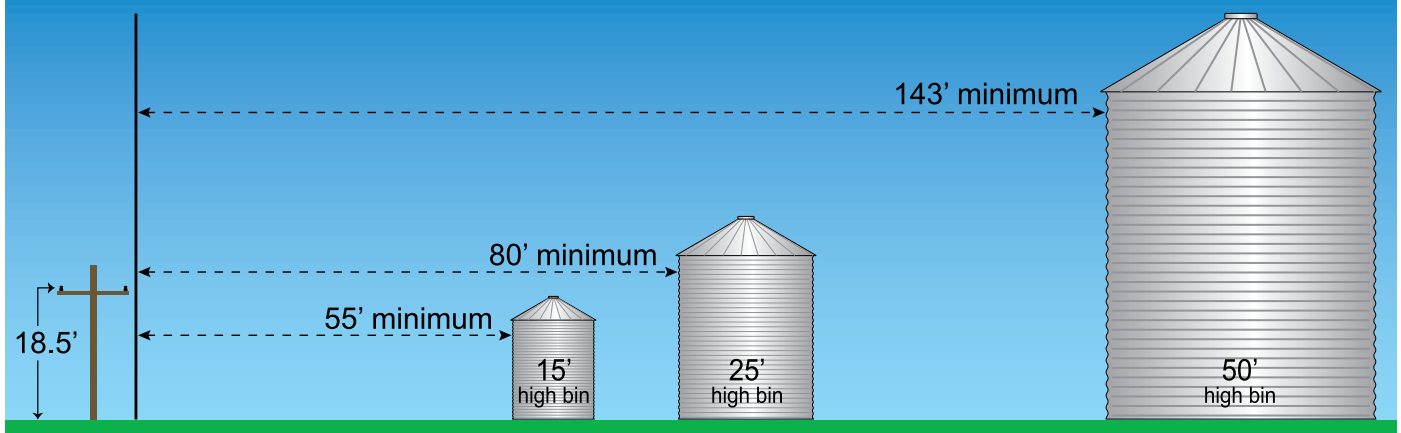
Call us first!

PLANNING TODAY COULD SAVE LIVES TOMORROW

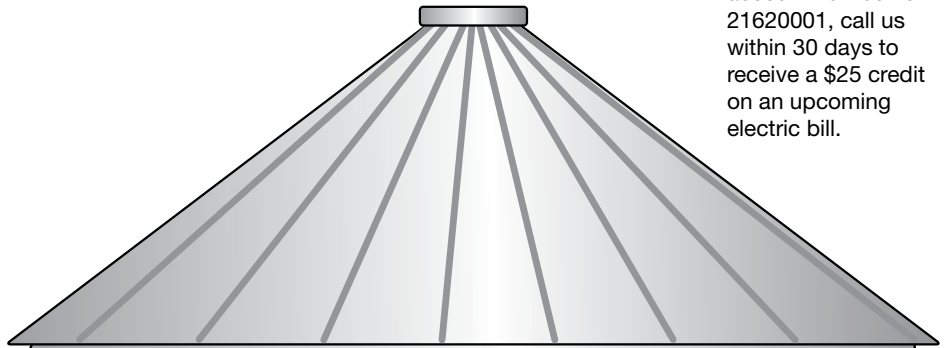
While safety is usually a matter of being in tune with your environment at any given moment, there are instances when forethought on your part can prevent accidents for years to come. Grain bin construction is a perfect example. Just as

Left: Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by portable augers, conveyors, or elevators, as printed on page 139 of the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Safety Code. Appears courtesy of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.

Minimum Required Distances from Loading Side of Grain Bin



On Account: If your account number is 21620001, call us within 30 days to receive a \$25 credit on an upcoming electric bill.



you'd survey a new field before planting, you should also take a minute to survey your grain bin site.

First, look up. Are there power lines nearby? They don't have to be directly overhead to pose a problem. Plot the movement of your equipment around the field. How many times do you pass near or beneath power lines? Can you re-route traffic in ways that will keep you farther from them?

Perhaps you know precisely where the lines are and always use extreme caution when working near them. But what about the people who work with you? Are they just as diligent? Will a distraction or lapse in judgment place them in danger of electrocution?

You can cut down on the danger significantly by building your bin far from power lines.

How far is far enough?

We've included diagrams and a table that illustrate requirements established by the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC). Keep these distances in mind when you search for a bin site, and then call Southwestern Electric Cooperative. We'll send a staking engineer to survey your site. It's the best way to make sure your bin will meet NESC guidelines.

While safety is certainly your first concern, there are also financial penalties for violating the NESC. If grain bins are constructed too close to power lines, Southwestern Electric is obligated to alter the path of the electrical system and bring the site into compliance. The member who violated the code by constructing the bin too close to a line is liable for the cost. In other words, if you build a bin too close to a power line, you'll have to pay the cost of relocating our facilities.

The easiest way to avoid such a problem is to call Southwestern Electric Cooperative before building. Our staking engineers will be happy to visit your site and help you plot a safe and efficient solution. For assistance, please call (800) 637-8667 and ask for the engineering department.

Minimum Phase and Neutral Clearances from Grain Bin
Adapted from NESC Rule 234F

Voltages 12.47/7.2 kV through 34.5/19.9 kV						
Height of Bin (ft)	Loading Side of Bin			No-Loading Side of Bin		
	Horizontal Distance from Bin (ft)	Minimum Conductor Height (ft)	Minimum Conductor Height (ft-in)	Horizontal Distance from Bin (ft)	Minimum Conductor Height (ft)	Minimum Conductor Height (ft-in)
15	0	33.0	33' 0"	0	33.0	33' 0"
	33	33.0	33' 0"	10	26.3	26' 4"
	40	28.3	28' 4"	15	18.5	18' 6"
	50	21.7	21' 8"			
	54.75	18.5	18' 6"			
20	0	38.0	38' 0"	0	38.0	38' 0"
	38	38.0	38' 0"	10	31.3	31' 4"
	50	30.0	30' 0"	15	18.5	18' 6"
	60	23.3	23' 4"			
	67.25	18.5	18' 6"			
25	0	43.0	43' 0"	0	43.0	43' 0"
	43	43.0	43' 0"	10	36.3	36' 4"
	50	38.3	38' 4"	15	18.5	18' 6"
	60	31.7	31' 8"			
	70	25.0	25' 0"			
	79.75	18.5	18' 6"			
30	0	48.0	48' 0"	0	48.0	48' 0"
	48	48.0	48' 0"	10	41.3	41' 4"
	60	40.0	40' 0"	15	18.5	18' 6"
	70	33.3	33' 4"			
	80	26.7	26' 8"			
	90	20.0	20' 0"			
	92.25	18.5	18' 6"			
35	0	53.0	53' 0"	0	53.0	53' 0"
	53	53.0	53' 0"	10	46.3	46' 4"
	60	48.3	48' 4"	15	18.5	18' 6"
	70	41.7	41' 8"			
	80	35.0	35' 0"			
	90	28.3	28' 4"			
	100	21.7	21' 8"			
104.75	18.5	18' 6"				

NOTE: Vertical clearances, however, must be met using the worst-case sag conditions, as described in rule 234A of the NESC.



HIJINKS & HOODWINKS

Artifacts and oddities make Greenville's DeMoulin Museum an ideal October haunt

Big D, little d, what begins with D? Devious devices from the DeMoulin factory.

For more than 90 years DeMoulin Bros. & Co. has produced some of the country's finest band uniforms. But there was a time when the DeMoulin name was synonymous with guillotines, paddle machines, exploding telephones, electric chairs, branding irons and bucking goats.

Devilish devices for certain, but none of them lethal. Rather, most of them were made to get a laugh.

In the early 20th century, lodge regalia and paraphernalia—including initiation devices—were DeMoulin Bros. & Co.'s stock-in-trade. The company crafted forerunners of the magician's cabinet; seemingly innocuous appliances or pieces of furniture that secretly housed explosive cartridges, electric charges, powder blasts and spring-loaded slaps to the seat of the pants.

Courtesy the invention and industry of DeMoulin Bros. & Co., lodge initiates nationwide were subjected to all manner of momentary indignities before being accepted into the brotherhood of organizations like the Modern Woodmen of America or Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In a pre-TV era when physical humor was hot and Vaudeville all the rage,

products from DeMoulin Bros. & Co. were in high demand.

But interest waned after World War I, and in 1955, DeMoulin Bros. & Co. shuttered its longstanding lodge paraphernalia division.

Today, the devices are largely gone—but not forgotten. You can view an impressive collection of artifacts at the DeMoulin Museum, in the factory's hometown of Greenville, Ill.

Museum curator John Goldsmith offers a guided tour through DeMoulin history, sharing a sampling of odd and arcane inventions, including a trick guillotine, branding iron, electric gauntlet, bucking goats, costumes, and period photos and personal effects that chronicle the history of the company and the men and women who built it.

From the scorch marks of spent cartridges to the worn wood of a knife-trick table to the elegant lettering of paper labels, more than a century of story stands inside the DeMoulin Museum. Its mix of mostly humorous, mildly macabre artifacts makes the museum an ideal haunt for October. Visit if you can.

You'll find more on the museum at <http://www.demoulinmuseum.org>, [facebook.com/goatmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/goatmuseum) and [instagram.com/demoulinmuseum](https://www.instagram.com/demoulinmuseum), or by calling (618) 664-4115.





KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The DeMoulin Museum is family-friendly and offers a number of photo opportunities. If you're looking for unique shots to liven up your October Instagram or Facebook feed, you'd be hard pressed to find a more eclectic collection of ops and artifacts in downstate Illinois. Admission is by donation.

SEASONAL HOURS

September through May: Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 June through August: Friday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 Group tours are welcome and can be scheduled for any day of the week.

GETTING THERE

The DeMoulin Museum is located two blocks southeast of the square in the former Central Christian Church building, at 205 South Prairie Street, Greenville, Illinois 62246. Follow I-70 to Exit 41. From the overpass, follow US 40 (The National Road) east about two miles. At the stoplight, turn left onto 4th Street/Dudleyville Road. Follow 4th Street about a 1.5 miles north. Turn right on Winter Avenue. Follow Winter Avenue five blocks. Turn north onto Prairie Street. You're about two blocks away. After you cross Vine Street, the DeMoulin Museum will be on your left.



John Goldsmith, curator of the DeMoulin Museum, offers Bond and Fayette County CEO students a guided tour of the devious devices manufactured by the DeMoulin brothers. Top: Goldsmith demonstrates the DeMoulin Lung Tester. Upper left: Reyna Arenas, Fayette County CEO student, climbs aboard a DeMoulin Bucking Goat.

WHO



WHAT

Editor's note: It's easy to grow complacent. You surround yourself with history, seek the company of people who do the same, strike out now and then to explore places rooted in the past, and take in tales of men and women who broke the ground we built on. You make your notes, take your photos, then move on, eyes up for the next instance of art and artifact, mind already on the next image, the next issue.

Then you step into the shadow of a ghost.

That's how it felt, anyway, standing beside the Benjamin Godfrey house. I'd tucked a photocopy of an 1800s illustration of the home in my camera kit. On site, I pulled it from the bag, smoothed out the creases, and held it up to the light. I compared a sketch made when Lincoln was alive to a house now flanked by a Walmart and traffic lights.

The structure hadn't changed much. The image in print and the standing sticks and stones were a match. Irregular rock, second-story porch, chimneys and windows, shape and character—present then, in front of me now.

The air was thick and still. In the heat of a late August afternoon, I fought a chill.

It's an interesting, eerie sensation, standing in the shadow of a structure that's seen so much history, yet remained

relatively unchanged by it. Haunting. Like meeting a ghost, I imagine. One foot in the present, one planted in the past, a formidable presence rising from the prairie large and silent and proud.

Fully in the moment now, I made my way around the house, quietly making photos, grateful for a chance encounter on a sleepy August afternoon that quickened my imagination and rattled my senses awake.

I'm grateful to you as well. Without your interest in the magazine—your prompts, questions, answers and letters, without your presence in our pages, I could explore, but I'd have no reason to share the experience.

I'd be less for that.

Here's wishing you an adventurous October. May the places you haunt be rich in history, mystery and ghosts.

During your travels you may run across the monument that serves as this month's puzzle. Regardless, we hope you'll give the challenge a go.

Meanwhile, here's what you had to say about September's puzzle.

.....

For the September Who-What-Where article, the image is of the Benjamin Godfrey mansion on Godfrey Road in Godfrey and the person is Captain Benjamin Godfrey. It is amazing that the

house started out as a two room stone house and was turned into a two story house with fourteen rooms.

—Stephanie Terry, Worden

This is the Benjamin Godfrey house in Godfrey, Ill. Benjamin was a veteran of the War of 1812. He is buried in the cemetery behind the adjacent United Church of Christ church.

His burial plot had been surrounded with a cast iron fence but during World War II the metal from the fence was sacrificed for defense purposes.

A new fence was funded by the Ninian Edwards Chapter, NSDAR, the Kaskaskia Chapter of Daughters of the War of 1812, the Illinois Society War of 1812 and many other charitable groups. We participated in a dedication of the new fence last October.

—Karen and Eric Reelitz, Greenville

The September 2019 "Who am I?" is Benjamin Godfrey, a merchant and philanthropist, who settled in Alton, Ill., in 1832. He established a successful partnership with W. S. Gilman as Godfrey & Gilman and in 1837 one of their warehouses was the site of the murder of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, a Presbyterian minister, journalist, newspaper editor and abolitionist who was shot and killed by a pro-slavery mob.

In 1838 he used \$53,000 of his own money to establish a seminary for women, the Monticello Seminary. In 1854 their church was named the Benjamin Godfrey Memorial Chapel. After the school closed, its buildings became part of Lewis and Clark Community College.





WHERE



He is the namesake of Godfrey, Ill., where the school is located.

In 2017 Godfrey city leaders set up an urban trail, the Benjamin Godfrey Legacy Trail, to create a municipal heritage experience in honor of Godfrey.

Godfrey died on August 13, 1862, and was buried in Godfrey Cemetery.

—*Bill Malec, O'Fallon*

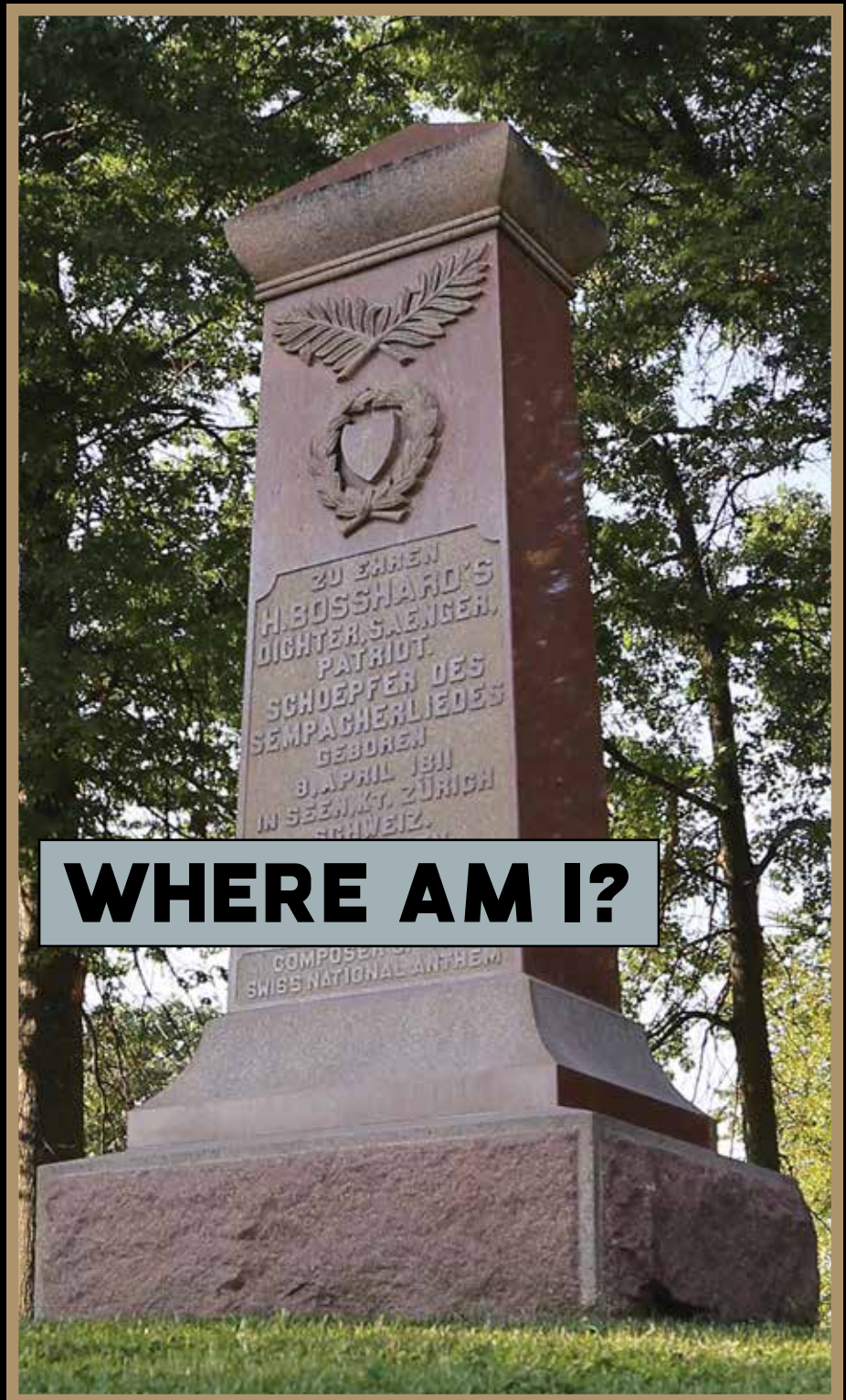
The photo and wonderful drawing in the September issue of the Who-What-Where challenge are of the Captain Benjamin Godfrey mansion located in the vicinity of Godfrey, Ill., and completed in 1833.

The town of Godfrey was first named Monticello but they could not establish a post office under that name, due to there already being a town with that name in Illinois, and so the town was renamed Godfrey after the captain.

Thanks for another interesting challenge.

—*Tim Bennett, Holiday Shores*

Who-What-Where is a contest that challenges your knowledge of people, places and objects in and around Southwestern Electric Cooperative's service area. Here's how it works: Each month, we run a photo. Your job is to tell us who's pictured, what we've photographed, or where we shot the photo. You can email your response to joe.richardson@sweci.com or send it by mail to Joe Richardson, Southwestern Electric Cooperative, 525 U.S. Route 40, Greenville, IL 62246. Please include your name, mailing address, and hometown. If you have a story about our photo topic, include that as well—we love these! The puzzle solution—possibly accompanied by a few words from you—will appear in a future issue of *The Southwestern*.



WHERE AM I?

PUMPKIN TORTE



Crust Ingredients

24	graham crackers finely crushed	2	eggs
1/3	cup sugar	3/4	cup sugar
1/2	cup butter melted	8	ounces cream cheese

Crust Directions

1. Mix graham crackers, sugar, and butter together and pat into 13 x 9 inch pan.
2. Beat together eggs, sugar, and cream cheese.
3. Pour mixture over crust and bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

Filling Ingredients

1	envelope gelatin unflavored	1/2	cup milk
1/4	cup hot water	1/2	teaspoon salt
1	pound can pumpkin	1	teaspoon cinnamon
3	egg yolks	3	egg whites
1/2	cup sugar	1/4	cup powdered sugar

Filling Directions

1. Dissolve together gelatin and hot water and set aside.
2. Mix together pumpkin, egg yolks, sugar, milk, salt and cinnamon and cook until slightly thick (about 10 - 15 minutes).
3. Remove from stove, mix in gelatin mixture, and let cool thoroughly.
4. Beat egg whites with powdered sugar and fold into pumpkin mixture.
5. Pour pumpkin mixture over crust and refrigerate at least one hour.

PUMPKIN MUFFINS



Ingredients

2	cups flour
3/4	cup brown sugar packed
2	tablespoons baking soda
1/2	teaspoon salt
1	teaspoon cinnamon
1/4	teaspoon ginger
1/8	teaspoon cloves
	dash nutmeg
1	cup canned pumpkin
1	cup melted butter
2	eggs
1/4	cup milk
2	teaspoons vanilla

Directions

1. Mix together all ingredients until dry ingredients are wet.
2. Evenly distribute the batter into a greased muffin pan filling each well about one-half full.
3. Bake at 400° for 15 - 20 minutes.

TASTE OF THE SEASON

PUMPKIN ICE CREAM



Ingredients

- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 small can pumpkin
- 3 teaspoons pumpkin pie seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1½ quarts vanilla ice cream softened
- ⅓ cup pecans chopped
vanilla wafers or pretzels

Directions

1. Combine pumpkin, brown sugar, seasoning, and salt.
2. Heat to boil, stirring constantly.
3. Let cool.
4. Beat mixture into ice cream.
5. Mix in nuts.
6. Pour into oblong cake pan.
7. Top with crushed vanilla wafers or pretzels.
8. Freeze thoroughly.
9. Set out 10 minutes before serving for easier cutting.

PUMPKIN ROLL



Ingredients

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 3 | eggs | 1 | teaspoon ginger |
| 1 | cup sugar | ½ | teaspoon nutmeg |
| ¾ | cup cooked or canned
pumpkin | ½ | teaspoon salt |
| 1 | teaspoon cinnamon | ⅔ | cup flour |
| | | 1 | cup walnuts chopped |

Directions

1. Beat eggs for five minutes in mixer on high speed.
2. Gradually beat in sugar.
3. Stir in pumpkin, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt. Then fold in flour.
4. Spread mixture in a greased and floured 15 x 10 inch jelly roll pan and top with walnuts.
5. Bake at 375° for 15 minutes.
6. Turn out on towel sprinkled with powdered sugar.
7. Roll towel and cake together starting at narrow end and let cool
8. Unroll for filling.

Filling Ingredients

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|--------------------|
| 1 | cup powdered sugar | 4 | tablespoons butter |
| 1 | 8 ounce package cream cheese
softened | ½ | teaspoon vanilla |

Filling Directions

1. Beat filling ingredients until smooth.
2. Spread mixture on cake, roll again, and wrap in waxed paper and foil.
3. Refrigerate for at least one hour until cooled thoroughly.

This month's recipes are courtesy of 4-H House Alumni Association's *Nurture the Future @ 805 4-H House Anniversary Cookbook* (pumpkin ice cream, pumpkin roll, and pumpkin torte) and Greenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary's *Home Town Favorites* cookbook (pumpkin muffins).





Current Events

October 1-13, 18-20 MAMA'S BOY, Breese. A theatrical presentation by Clinton County Showcase. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; performances begin at 8 p.m. except for the last Sunday showing, which is at 2 p.m. \$12 for adults; \$10 for students, senior citizens and active military personnel (with valid identification). Historic Avon Theatre, 535 North 2nd Street. For reservations, call (618) 526-2866 or visit ccshowcase.com.

October 4 & 5 ART & HARVEST FESTIVAL, Greenville. Friday 6 - 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. It will feature an art walk this year. For more information, call the Greenville Municipal Building at (618) 664-1644.

October 4 & 5, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27; November 1-3 GREAT GODFREY MAZE, Godfrey. Zig and zag your way through a design built for Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. On Fridays and Saturdays in October the maze becomes haunted at nightfall (around 7 p.m.) This maze is designed to scare and is not recommended for children under 10 years of age. Flashlights are required for those traveling the twists and turns of the maze after dark. Guests can also enjoy the ever-popular cow train, hay wagon rides, jumping pillow and the new zip line. Additional tickets required. Fridays and Saturdays 6 - 10 p.m.; Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Adults \$6; children 6 - 11 years of age \$4; children 5 years of age and younger are free. Robert E. Glazebrook Community Park, 1401 Stampfer Lane. For more information, call (618) 466-1483, ext. 3.

October 5 & 6, 12 & 13 VINTAGE VOICES, Alton. Guided gentle-walking tours. Tours will leave from the main gate of the cemetery every 20 minutes, visit 8 stops, and meet 11 actor/docents who portray no-

table persons from Alton's rich history. Noon - 3 p.m. Adults \$15; students with ID \$10. Alton Little Theater, 2450 North Henry Street. Alton City Cemetery, 5th and Vine Streets. For tickets, call (800) 258-6645 or visit altonlittletheater.org.

October 6 CRUISIN' THE CHAPEL CLASSIC CAR CRUISE, Troy. 50s and 60s DJ music, 50/50 drawing, raffle, attendance prizes, food and drinks. Car awards chosen by non-professional judges. Ladies encouraged to dress in 50s, 60s and 70s attire to receive an award chosen by popular vote. Rain date is October 13 from 1 - 4 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the maintenance and restoration of St. John the Baptist Chapel in Blackjack, Illinois. 1 - 4 p.m. Registration fee is \$10. Troy Park, Wickliffe Street, Pavilion #10. For more information, call (618) 887-4776.

October 11 & 12 CHILI COOK-OFF, Belleville. Event features the culinary creations of individuals, local organizations, and area businesses, as well as entertainment throughout the weekend. 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Admission is free. Downtown Belleville, Main Street and Illinois Street. Call (618) 233-2015 or visit bellevillechili.com.

October 11-13 OKTOBER-FEST, Alton. A fall festival featuring Polkas, German food, live music, inflatables. Friday starts at 6 p.m.; Saturday at 1 p.m.; Sunday noon - 7 p.m. Admission is free. St. Mary's Catholic Church, 519 East 4th Street. For more information, visit stmarysoktoberfest.com or call (618) 465-4284.

October 12 APPLE FESTIVAL, Centralia. Enjoy a fun-filled day of activities for the kids including games, straw maze and face painting. Fresh baked goods, mums, pumpkins and

apple cider will be available for purchase. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free. Schwartz Orchard, 1942 Copple Road. Call (618) 532-8058 or visit schwartzfruitfarm.com.

October 12 ART, WINE, & MUSIC FESTIVAL, Centralia. Local artisans, musicians, crafters, wineries, craft brewers, and food vendors fill downtown Broadway Street. Enjoy local food and drink at this festival around the Carillon. 4 - 10 p.m. Admission is free. Downtown Centralia, 300 East Broadway. (618) 533-7623.

October 12 BURN OUT IN THE BURG CAR SHOW, Strasburg. There will be an exhaust competition at 1 p.m., burn out competition at 2 p.m., and winners announced at 3 p.m. The exhaust and burn out competitions will have cash prizes. Registration is 10 a.m.; show from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Strasburg Community Park, Commercial Street. For more information, call (217) 343-5686.

October 12 FALL CRAFT FAIR, Maryville. Handmade crafts, food, and raffle. Proceeds benefit Anderson Auxiliary. Anderson Hospital, 6800 Route 162. For more information, e-mail thospurcell17@yahoo.com.

October 12 FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL, Greenville. The tractor museum and Lil' Red Barn will be open. Event will include craft and food vendors. Children's activities include costume contest, pumpkin painting, games, train rides, and face painting all for \$6 per child. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. American Farm Heritage Museum, 1395 Museum Avenue. Call (618) 664-0696 or visit americanfarmheritagemuseum.org.

October 12 FALL FEST ON THE FARM, Greenville. We will have a number of our artisan cheeses available to sample

Call to Confirm

Listings are provided by event organizers or taken from community websites. We recommend calling to confirm dates, times and details before you make plans. All are subject to change.

Submissions

To submit an event for consideration in our calendar, email your event information to joe.richardson@sweci.com, or mail your info to *The Southwestern*, Southwestern Electric Cooperative, 525 US Route 40, Greenville, IL 62246. Please include a contact number with your listing.

and plenty of other treats available for purchase like our cheese-filled bratwursts, grilled cheese sandwiches, fried cheese curds and custard-style ice cream. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Admission is free. Marcoot Jersey Creamery, 526 Dudleyville Road. Call (618) 664-1110 or visit marcootjerseycreamery.com.

October 12 FAMILY FUN NIGHT, Carlyle. Event will include a chili cook off, glow inflatable obstacle course, bags tournament, bonfire with hot dogs and s'mores, kids corner, pumpkin launch, laser tag, and ax throwing. All proceeds will go the Sarcoma Foundation for research. 4 - 9 p.m. Clinton County Fairgrounds, 1899 Methodist Street. For more information, visit Family Fun Night at the Fairgrounds on Facebook.

October 12 GIVIN' IT ALL FOR GUTS 5K MARGARITA RUN/WALK, Alton. Sign up today and help raise money for Crohn's Disease and Colitis research. There will be chips and salsa after the race and margaritas for participants 21 and older. Starts at 3 p.m. Admission is \$30. Liberty Bank Alton Amphitheater, 1 River-

front Drive. For more information, call (618) 806-2678 or visit givinitallforguts.org.

October 12 RAPTOR AWARENESS PROGRAM, Collinsville. Presented by the World Bird Sanctuary in the Cahokia Mounds Interpretive Center Auditorium. No one can be admitted after the show begins. 2 p.m. Free and open to the public. Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, 30 Ramey Street. Call (618) 346-5160 or visit cahokiamounds.org.

October 12 & 13 ART IN THE PARK, Highland. An outdoor juried exhibit and sale of works by professional artists in a wide variety of art mediums. The event features food, drinks, live music, art demonstrations, and activities for kids. The culinary arts are also featured in the popular Dueling Desserts competition held from Noon - 2 p.m. on Sunday. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free. Lindendale Park, 2025 Park Hill Drive. For more information, call (618) 654-3721 or visit highlandartscouncil.org.

October 12 & 13 GREAT RIVERS CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, Godfrey. GRCS presents "A Colloquium of One: LISTEN". The music in this concert will inspire, inform, and invoke dreams or memories of a better time, a better place, a better world. Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission is free. Evangelical UCC, 1212 West Homer M. Adams Parkway. For more information, visit grcs-sing.org or call (618) 292-4742.

October 13 CONCERT IN THE PARK, Maryville. George Portz & Friends of Bluegrass will perform Bluegrass, Cajun and Country music. 3 - 5 p.m. Firemen's Park, 300 North Donk Avenue. Visit vil.maryville.il.us or call (618) 772-8555.

October 13 FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL, Pocahontas. There will be an outdoor church service, hometown market, and local

food vendors. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call (618) 541-8711.

October 19 CHILI COOK-OFF, Alton. Local chili experts match their favorite recipe with others in similar categories. Judges will award prizes to winners in a number of categories, including the coveted "People's Choice" award. Noon - 3 p.m. Admission is \$6; children 10 years of age and younger \$3. Argosy Casino valet parking lot, #1 Piasa Street. For more information, call Nancy at (314) 604-0501, e-mail Debbie at debby.a.edelman@gmail.com, or e-mail Lillian at lillian@lillianbydesign.com, or visit altonmainstreet.org.

October 13 FRIEDENS UCC SAUSAGE DINNER, Troy. Buffet-style grilled pork sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, applesauce, coffee, tea, and dessert. 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Adults \$10; children 5 - 10 years of age \$5; under 4 years of age are free; carry-outs and curb service \$10. For more information or curb-side service, call (618) 667-6535. Friedens United Church of Christ, 207 East Center Street.

October 18 & 19 HAUNTED TRAIL, Carlyle. Brave souls embark on a hayride to the Little Prairie Nature Trail, located on U.S. Army Corps grounds near the lake spillway, where ghosts, goblins and ghouls await you. 6:30 - 10 p.m. Admission is \$7 and all proceeds will go to support the Fireworks Spectacular. Starts at McDonald's, 18010 William Road. Call (618) 594-4354.

October 19 CHILI COOK-OFF, Alton. Local chili chefs (both amateur & professional) will match their favorite recipe with others in similar categories. Judges will award \$100 prizes to winners in 4 categories. The team chosen as "People's Choice" will receive the coveted silver ladle, plaque and bragging rights. Noon - 3 p.m. Adults \$6; children \$3. Argosy

Casino Alton, valet parking lot, #1 Piasa Street. For more information or to register, call Nancy at (314) 604-0501, a-mail Debbie at debby.a.edelman@gmail.com, or Lillian at lillian@lillianbydesign.com.

October 19 FLÜGEL FEST, Highland. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. There will be a bags tournament at noon, wing eating contest at 3:30 p.m., and live music from 12:30 - 9 p.m. Highland Square at Main and Broadway streets. For more information, call (618) 654-9891.

October 19 HISTORIC CRAFT FAIR, Hartford. Event will host a number of local area craftspeople and artisans demonstrating and selling their goods. You will see baskets, sewing, quilts and other crafts. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free. Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, One Lewis & Clark Trail. Call (618) 251-5811 or visit campdubois.com.

October 19 HOPE RESCUES RUN 4 RESCUE FESTIVAL, Godfrey. Help raise funds for Hope Rescues by signing up for a 5K or 1 mile fun run. The event will be a halloween party. There will be pet friendly vendors, bake sale, best dressed pet contest plus lots more for the whole family to enjoy. 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Liberty Bank Alton Amphitheater, 1 Riverfront Drive. Call (800) 258-6645 or visit hoperescues.org.

October 19 PICK OF THE PATCH ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR, Carlyle. A family friendly fall festival with crafts, art, vendors, food, and the pumpkin patch. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Carlyle Lake Dam West Recreation Area, 14440 Lake Road. For more information, visit carlylelake.com.

October 19 PUMPKIN PATCH, Carlyle. Children can enjoy all of the fun activities including pumpkin decorating, games with prizes, bounce houses, and face painting. 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$10. Carlyle Lake Dam West Recreation Area, 14440 Lake Road.

Call Andrew at (618) 267-7686 or e-mail parkdirector@carlylelake.com.

October 19 & 20 OWL FEST, Dow. Our education animals will be available to meet and greet. The public will have a behind the scenes look at our facilities all while enjoying educational speakers, local environmental organizations, crafts, food, live music, raffle, vendors, kid friendly activities, and our famous teddy bear clinic. Noon - 5 p.m. Admission is free. Treehouse Wildlife Center, 23956 Green Acres Road. Call (618) 466-2990 or visit treehousewildlifecenter.com.

October 20 LECLAIRE PARK-FEST, Edwardsville. A celebration of the Leclaire National Historic District. Festival will include live entertainment, wine and beer garden, festival food, crafts, display of farm equipment, and activities for children. Narrated trolley tours run every half hour. Noon - 5 p.m. Admission is free. Leclaire Lake Park, 800 Block of Hale Avenue. Call (618) 656-1294 or visit historic-leclaire.org.

October 20 ZION LADIES' AID CHILI SUPPER, Altamont. Menu includes homemade chili, chicken noodle soup, barbecue, hot dogs, pies, desserts, iced tea, orange drink, and coffee. Serving starts at 4:30 p.m. Free will donation. Zion Lutheran Church, 5534 East 600th Avenue, take blacktop south of Altamont to 600th Avenue, turn left and Zion will be 2½ east of blacktop. For more information, call (217) 821-5964.

October 25 HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT, Troy. Hosed by The Friends of Valley View Cemetery. Soda and popcorn will be provided, and you may bring beverages of your choice. There will be prizes for the best table decorations and for the best costume. Doors open at 6:30; games will start



at 7 p.m. \$25 per person with a maximum of 10 people per table. Purchase a full table by October 5 for only \$225 or from October 6 - 23 purchase a full table for \$240. Township Park Community Center, 410 Wickcliffe Street. For reservations, email friendsofvalleyviewcemetery@gmail.com or visit Friends of Valley View Cemetery on Facebook.

October 25 MASQUER-SPAYED BALL, Alton. Annual fundraiser to help fund service to pets and their owners of Madison county. Enjoy an open bar featuring wine, beer and soda. Guests can dine on Chef Bob's Catering, watch entertainment, dance, and participate in silent auctions. Wear your best costume and enter to win in one of five categories. Costumes are not required. All proceeds assist the mission of the SNIP Alliance. 7 p.m. Admission is \$45. The Lovejoy Weddings & Events, 401 Piasa Street. Call (618) 208-7473 or visit snipalliance.org.

October 25-27, October 31 - November 3 ALTON LITTLE THEATER: AND THEN THERE WERE NONE, Alton. A theatrical presentation by the Alton Little Theater Company. Thursday - Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Adults \$20; under age 18 are \$12. Alton Little Theater, 2450 North Henry Street. For tickets, call (618) 462-3205 or visit alton-littletheater.org.

October 26 FALL FESTIVAL, Centralia. All-day event packed with activities for the whole family. Held during the day with a children's parade, chili cook-off, Miss & Mister Pumpkin Contest, mini train rides, best-dressed pet contest, craft fair, games for the kids, food, and a car show. Evening parade starts at 7 p.m. and features floats, marching units, horses, old fire trucks, costumed characters, and school bands. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is free. Downtown Centralia, 100 South Locust Street. Call (618) 533-7623 or visit centraliahpff.org.

October 26 LIBERTY APPLE ORCHARD APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL 5K, Edwardsville. This year the festival will benefit Friends of Kids with Cancer, a nonprofit organization devoted to enriching the daily lives of children fighting cancer in the Metro-East and St. Louis areas. In addition to the 5k run and walk along country roads and MCT Trails, the event will include a bake sale, cider making demonstration, face painting, pumpkin decorating, children's games, apple cider donuts, and bluegrass music by the Red Haired Boys. Register for the 5k at friendsofkids.com. The 5k will begin at 9 a.m. and the festival will run throughout the morning with plenty of apples to pick. Visit libertyappleorchard.com or call (618) 659-9217.

October 26; November 23 NATURE FOR BEGINNERS, Godfrey. A series developed for people of all ages who aren't quite comfortable spending time outdoors. Each program will present new topics in an accessible and inviting way. Come with an open mind to learn more about the natural world around. Please dress appropriately to spend part to all of the time outdoors and don't forget to bring your reusable water bottle. The October 26 program will be about hiking and the November 23 event will cover wildlife in your backyard. 10 - 11:30 a.m. The Nature Institute, 2213 South Levis Lane. Call (618) 466-9930 or visit thenatureinstitute.org.

October 27 A GOTHIC EVENING WITH EDGAR ALLAN POE, Edwardsville. Anne Williams will perform a selection of dramatic readings of Poe's famous poems and short stories. Step into our mourning draped parlor as the macabre scene is set for an evening of spine-tingling chills complete with coffin, candlelight and a widow dressed in black. This event is for persons 17 years or older. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. Three performances

are available: 4 - 5:30 p.m., 6 - 7:30 p.m., and 8 - 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased in the online store by selecting the preferred performance time above or by calling (618) 692-1818. Colonel Benjamin Stephenson House, 409 S. Buchanan Street. Visit stephensonhouse.org.

October 27 LIVE POLKA BAND, Madison. The featured band is Larry Haller's Two Star Final. 3 - 6:30 p.m. Admission \$7. Polish Hall, 826 Greenwood Street. Visit folkfire.org/polka.

November 1 & 2 BOOK FAIR, Edwardsville. Over 20,000 used books of all kinds including children's, current fiction, mysteries, history, literature, art, cookbooks, gardening, sports, philosophy, religion, biography and much more, including regional titles. Books are sorted by category and priced to sell. Also available for sale are CDs, DVDs and vinyl albums. Friday 5 - 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 406 Hillsboro Avenue. Call (618) 656-1294.

November 2 & 3 TOWBOAT DAYS, Grafton. Experience "Life on the Mississippi River". Tour the Luhr Brothers "Most Pristine Towboat", hear tales from towboat captains, and learn about rivers from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Gypsy Rose Land Ship will make an appearance on Saturday. A special obstacle course bounce house will be on hand Sunday. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Towboat tours are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Grafton Harbor, 215 West Water Street. Call (618) 786-7678.

November 3 WINE FESTIVAL, Grafton. Receive a Pere Marquette Lodge wine glass to taste dozens of wines while enjoying live music and appetizers. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Friends of Pere Marquette State Park Foundation. For ages 21 and up, must have a valid ID to obtain pass. Noon - 4 p.m. Entry

is \$40 per person and includes a souvenir wine glass, appetizers, live music, and seven wine tasting tickets. There is a limited quantity of tickets available for this event so purchase please pre-purchase tickets online. Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center, 13653 Lodge Blvd. Call (618) 786-2331 or visit pmlodge.net.

November 7-10, 14-17 RUMORS, Lebanon. A theatrical performance by the Looking Glass Playhouse. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m., except for Sunday shows, which begin at 2 p.m. \$10 on Thursday and \$12 Friday - Sunday for adults; \$9 on Thursday and \$11 Friday - Sunday for students, senior citizens and active military personnel (with valid identification). Looking Glass Playhouse, 301 West Saint Louis Street. Call (618) 537-4962 or visit lookingglassplayhouse.com.

November 8 VETERANS DAY CONCERT, Granite City. Granite City Community Concert and Swing Band will perform. 7 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards Street. Visit graniteband.com.

November 9 SAUSAGE SUPPER, Grantfork. Family style meal with homemade pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread and homemade pie. Serving 3 - 8 p.m. Adults \$11; children 6 - 12 years of age \$5; children 5 years of age and younger are free. Carry-outs available for adult price only. Grantfork United Church of Christ Educational Building, 206 South Locust Street. Call (618) 675-2595.

November 9 TURKEY TROT, Maryville. 5K race and 1 mile walk/run. 9 a.m. Entry fee applies. Drost Park, #8 Schiber Court. Visit vil.maryville.il.us or call (618) 772-8555.

Susan Adomite of Troy shares the features of her Tesla Model 3 EV during Southwestern Electric Cooperative's 81st Annual Meeting of Members.



