

## 2009 Independence Home Show



Greg Pavelka, marketing and economic development director, and Dave Henkes, engineering design technician, wait to answer the questions of visitors to the 2009 Independence Home Show. Over 300 attendees visited ECI's booth and were interested in geothermal systems and other information on ways to use less electricity. Cloey Nickerson of Winthrop won the electric smoker prize donated by ECI REC.

## Two Juniors Headed for Washington, D.C.



Lindsay Kelty

Two winners have been selected to represent East-Central Iowa REC at the 2009 Youth Tour in June. Lindsay Kelty, a junior attending Center Point/Urbana High School, the daughter of Shannon and Karie Kelty of the Vinton/Urbana area, will head to Washington, D.C. for several days of sightseeing and educational activities. Joining Lindsay will be Cally Bengston, a junior at Jesup High School. Cally's parents are Terry and Monica Bengston from the Fairbank area.



Cally Bengston

Cooperatives across the country send over 1,500 students to the Capitol each year to participate in the Youth Tour. In addition to sightseeing, the participants meet with members of Congress to talk

about energy issues and learn about government processes firsthand.

ECI REC covers the expense of the trip. The young women's applications were chosen from a group of completed applications judged by an outside cooperative.

## Community Members Say Thanks

### Youngsters Enjoy Games and Books at Children's Fair

"On behalf of the Buchanan County Early Childhood Fair Committee, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$475 for the 6th Annual Early Childhood Fair . . . The Buchanan County Community has definitely come to see this as a worthwhile event! . . . Your donation will cover our half of the rent for the Heartland Acres Event Center . . . plus purchase four complete volumes of a farming book series for young children."

- Cindy Thompson, Buchanan County Early Childhood Fair Committee



"On behalf of Center-Point Urbana high-school boys soccer team, we would like to thank ECI REC's Teresa Schremser and Carl Gray for their timely assistance and use of the bucket truck that provided a backdrop of yellow for the 36 high school boys to pose in front of for the 2009 CPU soccer team picture. It was greatly appreciated!"

-Thomas McCulloh

## Interns Learn With ECI REC

Jacob Cory and Travis Weis, who interned with ECI REC last summer, recently returned for a day of work. The young men are enrolled in Northwest Iowa Community College's power line program, which requests them to work for a utility for a day.

Corbin Hopkins, an Independence High School student, recently began his internship with ECI REC. Corbin will work with ECI crews to learn the basics of work as a lineman.



Jacob Cory



Travis Weis



Corbin Hopkins