

Arbor Day is being celebrated this year at both the Poston Road and Brooklyn Elementary Schools thanks to partnering sponsors; South Central Indiana REMC's Vegetation Management Division and Right of Way team, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana State Natural Resources Education Center and Morgan County Soil and Water conservation Office.

Mayor Phil Deckard will present an Arbor Day proclamation to the schools, and students will receive poster contest awards during the program.

The students will be wowed by "Trees, Who Needs 'Em?" presented by Tim Womick, a renowned educator/entertainer using jokes, props, and song, all the while exposing others to the natural world around them. Womick is the modern day Johnny Appleseed and goes by "Appleseedz". Ultimately Appleseedz's goal is to educate students about the value of trees and why we should plant more of them.

Each student at the participating schools will also receive a "earth friendly" backpack from SCI REMC loaded with information about trees and helping the environment and books about trees will be presented to each of the school libraries.

"The REMC has the utmost concern for the environment and annually works with the communities we serve to promote awareness about trees and the environment," stated Larry Terrell, REMC's Vegetation Management Supervisor. "Each year South Central Indiana REMC participates in an environmental project that educates our customers and members, as well as the community," stated Terrell.

SCI REMC is a member of several organizations including; Energy for Wildlife-National Wild Turkey Federation, International Society of Arboriculture, and Tree Care Industry Association.

The Arbor Day celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 22th at Brooklyn Elementary and will conclude at 11:00 a.m. Poston Road Elementary celebration will begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world.