

# POWERLINE

A monthly newsletter for co-op members of Corn Belt Energy

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## *The Board of Directors and Corn Belt Energy are proud to announce the Jeff Reeves Memorial Education Grant*

The Jeff Reeves Memorial Education Grant was established to honor the memory of Corn Belt Energy former President and CEO, Jeff Reeves. Jeff served his entire professional career of over 40 years at Corn Belt Energy, 34 of those as the cooperative's third President and CEO. He also served as Chairman at Soyland Power Cooperative, the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Board, the United Utility Supply Cooperative Board, as well as many other boards and advisory committees.

Jeff was a man of integrity and a leader who was committed to the cooperative purpose. To continue his legacy, Corn Belt Energy and its Board of Directors are pleased to announce the Jeff Reeves Memorial Education Grant, a \$2,000 scholarship intended to fund innovative programs that enrich students' education at schools that serve children of Corn Belt Energy electric members.

The Jeff Reeves Memorial Education Grant will be in addition to the existing Corn Belt Energy Education Grant program and awarded annually.



*Jeff Reeves  
Corn Belt Energy President/CEO  
from 1979-2013*

## Education Grants Program

Corn Belt Energy is now accepting applications for our 2015 Education Grants Program. Six schools that serve children of Corn Belt electric members will each be awarded \$1,500 and one school will be awarded the \$2,000 Jeff Reeves Memorial Education Grant to fund innovative programs that enrich students' education.

Teachers and administrators of public or private K-12 schools may apply; the facility does not need to receive electricity from Corn Belt Energy, but must serve families within our footprint in Central Illinois. Multiple projects within the same school can be combined to a total of the awarded grant amount. Applications and further details can be found online at [www.cornbeltenergy.com](http://www.cornbeltenergy.com) under "Community."

An impartial panel of judges will review the grant applications and preference will be given to projects and programs that enhance learning and are not currently being funded through the school's budget.

The application deadline is March 31, 2015, and the grants will be awarded in late April/early May.

# Identify Energy Efficiency Concerns by Scheduling an Energy Audit Today

Are you experiencing high utility bills or uncomfortable areas within your home? Or maybe you live in an older home and want to know what fixes you can make to improve energy efficiency and save on your energy costs. Corn Belt Energy is here to help you identify energy efficiency concerns and we'll offer unbiased advice on how to fix them.

Corn Belt is offering a home energy audit (including a blower door test and infrared thermal imaging) for \$300.

To schedule an energy audit appointment today, contact our Energy Advisor, Justin Stuva, at 1-800-879-0339 x235 or email him at [justin.stuva@cornbeltenergy.com](mailto:justin.stuva@cornbeltenergy.com). A typical home energy audit can take 2-4 hours depending on the member's concerns, and the homeowner must be present during the audit.



## Check your Energy Usage Online

Not in the market for an energy audit or just curious about your current usage? Co-op members can now track their hourly electric use through their new SmartHub online account. Once you've successfully logged in, you can track your use down to the hour, see how average daily temperatures affect your heating costs, and compare monthly usage data so you can make informed energy choices.

Go to [cornbeltenergy.com](http://cornbeltenergy.com) and click on "Account Log-in" at the top of the webpage to get started.



*Pictured above: Energy Advisor Justin Stuva checks for potential gas leaks (top) and runs diagnostics on a blower door test (bottom) during a recent home energy audit.*

## Connect with your Co-op

Keep in touch with Corn Belt throughout the year for safety information, energy efficiency tips, outage updates and more. If you have a Quick Response Code app on your smartphone, simply scan these QR codes to connect with us online.



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## Prescription Discounts

Use your free Co-op Connections Card to save 10%-60% on prescriptions not covered by insurance at participating pharmacies including CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Target and many more! Simply present your card with your prescription at any participating pharmacy and pay the discounted price; no additional forms or paperwork are needed. Visit [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop) to search for participating pharmacies.



## Outage Information

Corn Belt Energy makes every effort to prevent power outages. However when outages do occur, we strive to keep our members informed.

Details on major outage events are available on our website at [cornbeltenergy.com](http://cornbeltenergy.com) where you can view a live outage map of Corn Belt's service territory from your computer or mobile device.

You can also follow us on Facebook or Twitter for current outage updates.



## Youth to Washington Tour

*Your child or grandchild could go on the trip of a lifetime!*

High school sophomores and juniors with a passion for leadership and government are encouraged to apply for an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June!

Those who currently receive electricity from Corn Belt are welcome to nominate a child or grandchild to attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Up to 10 applicants will be selected by an impartial panel of judges to attend Illinois Cooperative Youth Day in Springfield on March 25.

From that group, two students will be chosen to represent Corn Belt Energy by attending the Youth to Washington Tour, an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., from June 13-18

with other statewide and national winners.

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has been bringing high school students to Washington, D.C., for over 50 years. On the tour, students will learn about electric cooperatives, American history and U.S. government. They participate in National Youth Day, visit with their representatives and senators, and explore the sights around the nation's capital.

Applications can be found on our website at [www.cornbeltenergy.com](http://www.cornbeltenergy.com) under "Community." Applications must be received by February 17.





## Contact Us

**1-800-879-0339**

Call this number to report an outage and call from a phone associated with your account if possible.

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Monday - Friday

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# Now Accepting Director Nominations

The terms of the following Corn Belt Energy Directors will expire at the 2015 Annual Meeting on June 19:

- James E. Adams, District 1
- Jan Reimer, District 1
- Gary Archey, District 4
- Charles Meisenheimer, District 7

The Board of Directors has appointed the following persons to the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in running for one of the Board's vacant seats, contact one of these persons or an existing Director with your credentials by January 21:

- Owen Arvin, 96 County Rd 1830 E, Carlock 61725
- Scott Baum, 7277 Sawmill Road, Clinton, 61727
- Peter Borowski, 3017 Thornwood Lane, Bloomington 61704

- Tom Guth, 23511 Ron Smith Highway, Hudson 61748
- Gene Hoffman, 12202 Middle Creek Road, Clinton 61727
- Brad Johnson, 1499 N 2550th Road, Ottawa 61350
- Kim Kannaday, 2106 Longwood Lane, Bloomington 61704
- Terry Longman, 1478 County Road 2600 East, El Paso 61738
- Kent Matthew, 15304 2400 North Avenue, Walnut 61376
- Alan Peters, 3316 E. 3rd Road, LaSalle 61301
- Arlis Springer, 25349 Litwiller Road, Delavan 61734
- John Stein, 27199 Golden Acre Drive, LeRoy 61752
- Kenneth West, 2244 Knox Road 2250 E., Victoria 61485

## Nominating Committee Sets Meeting for January 21

The Nominating Committee will meet at the Corn Belt Energy office near Downs at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Any cooperative member who is interested in being nominated to the Board of Directors should contact a committee member (*listed above*) prior to the meeting. The committee can nominate no more than two individuals for each expired Directorship (*also listed above*).

As an alternative, any active cooperative member may also be nominated for election by petition. Any fifty active members of the Cooperative, by their petition, may propose the name of any qualified member as an additional nominee.

The nominated person must have active service in the Board district of the vacancy, and no other Directors can live in the same township.

Petitions to nominate Directors must be filed at Corn Belt Energy's office no later than Monday, April 20, 2015. The election to fill the Director seats will occur at the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2015, at Central Catholic High School in Bloomington.

The Board of Directors is comprised of 13 active members who represent the membership in the operation of the Cooperative. The detailed procedure for choosing a Director is stated in our cooperative bylaws, which can be found at [www.cornbeltenergy.com](http://www.cornbeltenergy.com) under "About Us."