

POWERLINE JULY 2010

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Members to receive \$4.1 Million this Summer *Corn Belt's Board announces capital credit retirement*

At Corn Belt Energy's 72nd Annual Meeting on June 10, Chairman of the Board Rae F. Payne announced that \$4.1 million will be disbursed to members as retired capital credits later this summer.

Over 38,800 members who received electric service from Corn Belt during 2009 will receive 48% of their 2009 capital credit allocation in the form of a check later this summer. *(If you received electric service from Corn Belt in 2009, check your June 2010 statement for allocation details regarding your capital credits account.)*

Additionally, Corn Belt Energy will retire capital credits to those who were members from 1963 - 1971 in our Central Region (*Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Livingston, Logan, Macon, McLean, Piatt, Tazewell and Woodford counties*) and those who were members from 1955 to 1961

in our North Region (*Bureau, Henry, Kendall, Knox, La Salle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties*).

"This is just another example of the many benefits a cooperative provides to members," remarked Jeff Reeves, Corn Belt's President and CEO.

"In these days of depressing economic news, we hope to bring some financial relief to our members."

Capital credits are disbursed/retired when the Board determines that it will not jeopardize the financial condition of the cooperative. To date, Corn Belt has returned over \$7.4 million to members, most recently in 2005.

Please visit www.cornbeltenergy.com for additional details and answers to frequently asked questions regarding capital credits.

Eligible members should expect to receive checks in the mail by mid-August.

WHAT ARE CAPITAL CREDITS ?

As a not-for-profit energy cooperative, Corn Belt is owned by the members it serves which means they are entitled to a share of the cooperative's total net margins (*revenue received in excess of expenses*). These margins are allocated each year in the form of capital credits and based on the amount of electricity used.

Each member is assigned an individual capital credits account, separate from their billing account. Whenever funds are allocated to your capital credits account, your equity in the co-op increases.



72ND ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Corn Belt Energy welcomed over 700 attendees—including members, their families, and guests—to our 72nd Annual Meeting, held at Central Catholic High School in Bloomington on Thursday, June 10.

Attending members received free travelcube surge protectors in addition to a complimentary lunch. Inflatable rides, face-painting, balloon animals, bucket truck rides and an interactive booth from the Sugar Grove Nature Center were available for kids.

Fourteen businesses who participate in our Co-op Connections discount card program were also present to promote their program discounts. Special thanks to these businesses for providing door prizes which were distributed during the business meeting.

During the business meeting, Chairman of the Board Rae F. Payne announced a \$4.1 million disbursement/retirement of capital credits. *(See story on previous page for details.)* Corn Belt President & CEO Jeff Reeves remarked on the factors affecting the cost of wholesale power and how pending climate change legislation in the US Senate could play a big role.

Back by popular demand, The Sound of Illinois Chorus entertained the crowd following the business meeting.



The following Directors were re-elected to the Board: *(pictured left to right above)* Robert Angus of Ottawa (District 7), Laverne Malone of Maroa (District 5), Ralph Steiger of Delavan (District 2), Stephen Schertz of El Paso (District 3), and Robert Whitwood Jr. of Hudson (District 1).

After the meeting, the Directors reorganized and re-elected Rae F. Payne as Chairman, Charles Meisenheimer as Vice Chairman, Albert Hagenbuch as Secretary-Treasurer, and Janice Reimer as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.



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Supporting Innovation in the Classroom

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« Local schools receive \$1,000 Education Grants »

Corn Belt Energy is pleased to announce the four recipients of our annual Education Grants Program, which aims to support innovation in the classroom. We received 30 applications from local public and private schools which were reviewed and scored by a panel of three impartial judges. Each of these schools received a \$1,000 grant to fund their proposed project:



Annawan Grade School

Applicant: Justin Hovey, 4th Grade Teacher

Request: To purchase two Mimio interactive white boards for use in K-8 classrooms.



Le Roy Elementary and Middle Schools

Applicant: Charlene Bokesch-Parsons, K-7 Art Teacher

Request: To fund a visual arts interdisciplinary library for K-7 classrooms, including a visually rich collection of multimedia art history resources.



Trinity Lutheran School, Bloomington

Applicant: Karin Burwell, Lay Director of School Curriculum and Instruction

Request: To purchase and implement the Tri-Fit integrated health management program that allows educators to track fitness assessments and develop personalized health portfolios.



Tri-Valley High School, Downs

Applicant: Jeff Benter, Science Teacher

Request: To purchase the i>clicker classroom response system which will provide immediate student feedback and evaluation of material retention for the instructor.



We're proud to support such innovative projects that will enrich students' education in these schools. Applications for our 2011 Education Grant program will be available at www.cornbeltenergy.com in January. Public or private schools that serve children of Corn Belt electric members may apply.



Our office will
be closed on
Monday, July 5
in observance of
Independence Day.

We apologize for
any inconvenience
to our members.



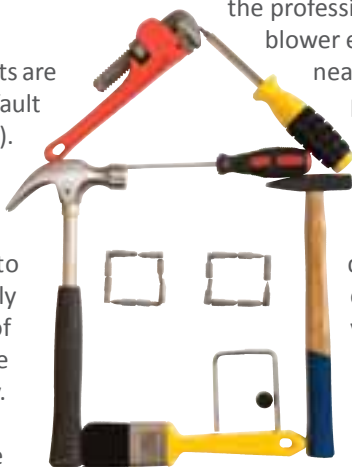
Safety Tips for Do-It-Yourself Projects

As summer projects get started, we urge all do-it-yourselfers to take precautions, especially when working around electrical equipment and overhead power lines.

Make sure outdoor outlets are equipped with a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). Use a portable GFCI if your outdoor outlets don't have them. It's also a good idea to have GFCIs professionally installed in wet areas of the home, such as the kitchen, bath and laundry.

Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal tools like ladders, pool skimmers and pruning poles, or when installing rooftop antennas and satellite dishes or doing roof repair work.

Be especially careful when working



near power lines attached to your house. Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from lines. Never trim trees near power lines – leave that to the professionals. Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.

If your projects include digging, like building a deck or planting a tree, call JULIE at 8-1-1 before you begin. Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. This service is free and it's the law.

Electricity + water = danger. If it's raining or the ground is wet, don't use electric power or yard tools. Never use electrical appliances or touch circuit breakers or fuses when you're wet or standing in water. Keep electric equipment at least 10 feet from wet areas.

THE REAL DEAL

During our Annual Meeting in June, longtime member Viola Alexander showed us her original membership certificate from 1953, when she and her late husband Edward first became members.



Payment Options

Please note that Corn Belt Energy is not affiliated with any third party pay source. We encourage you to make payments through these methods:

Pay your bill online at
www.cornbeltenergy.com

Drop off your payment at our office or use our drop box after-hours

Mail your payment to our processing center:
Corn Belt Energy
P.O. Box 2571
Decatur, IL 62525-2571

Make a payment over the phone by calling a Corn Belt account representative

Contact Us

800-879-0339

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

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