

Scholarship recipient honored

Morgan Renae Healy of Mason is one of seven winners of this year's Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. members Scott and Julie Healy.

Healy competed for the scholarship with a record number of 216 other students from across the state. The \$1,250 awards are given each year to six sons or daughters of electric co-op members, and one to the son or daughter of a co-op employee or director.

Candidates were judged on grade-point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities and a short essay demonstrating their knowledge of energy cooperatives.

Two of the seven scholarships are reserved for student's attending an Illinois Community College. Healy was honored with one of those two awards. She plans to attend Lakeland Jr. College.

John Meng, Clay Electric's Executive Vice President/Manager, said, "The employees and Board members of Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. have always been involved in our local schools and communities. We live here too and, like our members, have a vested



Clay Electric Co-operative Board president, Frank Czyzewski presented the Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship to Morgan Healy during the awards ceremony at North Clay High School in Louisville, Ill., May 11, 2011. Pictured (l to r): Morgan Healy, scholarship recipient and Clay Electric Co-operative Board President, Frank Czyzewski.

interest in the future of our children. This scholarship is just one small way we can help make a difference for a student like Morgan Healy." Clay Electric Co-operative is a member of Touchstone Energy® — an alliance of more than 720 local, consumer-owned electric utilities

around the country. Clay Electric Co-operative serves more than 3,236 meters over 951 miles of line in parts of Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Marion, Richland and Wayne counties. For more information visit www.ceci.coop.

Clay Electric office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2011.

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Regular meeting

April 25, 2011

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Bill Croy, Neil Gould, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepfer and Greg Smith. Also present were Executive Vice President/General Manager John Meng, and Cooperative Attorney Melanie Pearce. The invocation was given by Trustee Herman. .

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held March 28, 2011.

Accepted 12 new members for service.

Canceled 13 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$105,372.53.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of March 2011.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of March, 2011 as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the current status of various issues of the AIEC, and finan-

cial reports, as no monthly meeting was held.

Heard a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting, including the financial reports, and a powerpoint presentation "Financial Snapshot March 2011".

Reviewed 2011 Form 990.

Reviewed and Discussed draft of Nomination Petition, district boundaries, signator eligibility, and distributing and receiving petitions.

Directed Attorney Pearce to make changes in draft Petition and a document to be disbursed to potential candidates regarding confidentiality of membership information.

Discussed and Approved the costs and benefits of initiating a Capital Credit Study.

Discussed and Approved the costs and benefits of designing, administering, and analyzing the results of a Clay Electric Specific Membership survey, said expense to come from advertising budget of Touchstone Energy.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng regarding the FEMA application process and Resolved Gen. Mgr. Meng as Clay Electric Representative for that purpose.

Reviewed bids received for the 2004 Ford Explorer and thereafter Approved the bid of Galen Conard in the amount of \$5,632.05.

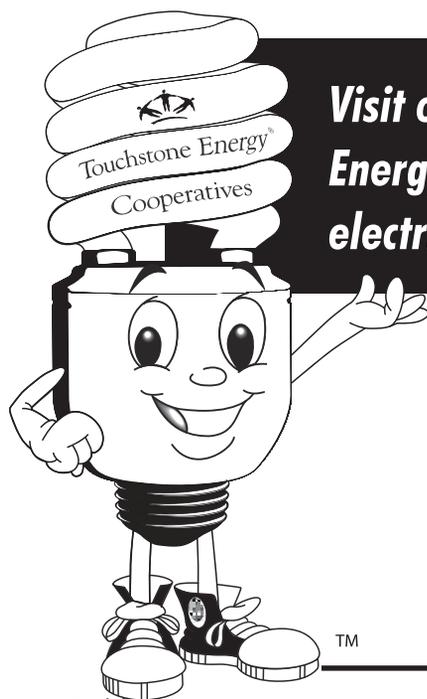
Heard and **Approved** a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng regarding the retirement of capital credits to the estate of 1 deceased member pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng concerning the medical status of an employee and the status of the replacement digger truck.

Informed that the May Board meeting would be on May 23, 2011.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng concerning the repair of a meter and a subsequent bill correction, which was owed and honored by the member.

Adjournment.



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Water and electricity are a deadly mix around pools, docks

The summer water recreation season brings enjoyment, but unfortunately can be awash with tragic realities of electrical hazards around boat docks and swimming pools. In 2010 four Indiana teens were swimming near a boat dock when they all felt a tingle. All hurried to the dock to escape the water, but one grabbed for a ladder that had become energized from faulty wiring and suffered a fatal electric shock.

The untimely death of the teen serves as a warning for swimmers to be on the lookout for similar dangers. Safe Electricity urges all swimmers ... if you feel a tingle, avoid metal ladders and objects and get out of the water as soon as possible, the best and quickest way you can.

Several years earlier an Illinois teen was working in a swimming pool when a faulty electrical fixture energized the pool water. Another teen jumped into the pool to help his friend, and both lives were lost.

Boat docks and swimming pools are frequently wired for lighting and other power needs; however weather and wear can expose wiring and deadly voltage can invisibly energize the water. The result of contact between water and electricity can be serious, even deadly. And in most instances if potential safety hazards are taken into consideration and handled proactively, accidents and deaths could be avoided.

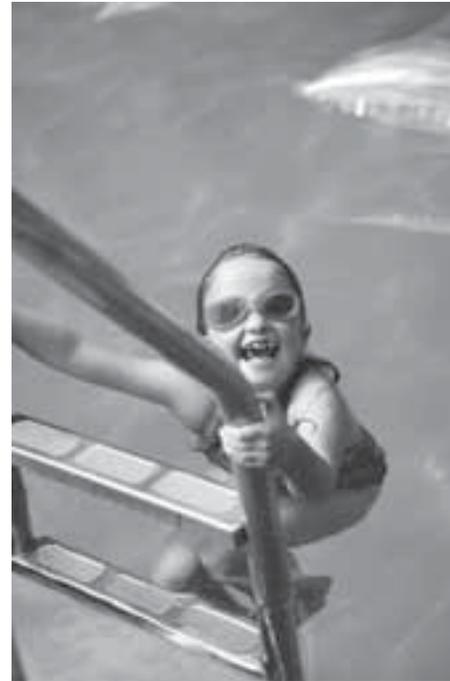
Emergency responders also report

fatalities and less serious injuries aboard watercraft. A 56-year-old man swimming from the stern of a boat in Lake Michigan was electrocuted because of wiring on the boat. Investigators found a neutral wire that was grounded to the boat had energized the metal trim. In a similar mishap a 14 year old boy died of electric shock on an Arkansas houseboat because the grounding pin on an electrical plug had been disabled and the grounded neutral wire energized the hull.

These examples of electric shock drowning occur when a low level of current either flows through the water or the metal on a boat, disabling the muscle function of swimmers. It is often caused by an undetected ground fault, which could be prevented by a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI.) An important step to ensure safety around swimming pools and boat docks is to include ground fault circuit interrupter protection. Make sure the GFCI is professionally installed to prevent shock, electrocution and injury.

If you plan to go boating or fishing this summer, be aware of your surroundings and potential electrical hazards. Always check the location of nearby power lines before boating or fishing. Contact between your boat and a power line could be devastating.

Maintain a distance of at least ten feet between your boat and nearby



power lines to be safe.

If your boat contacts a power line, never jump out of the boat into the water – the water could be energized. Instead, stay in the boat and avoid touching anything metal until help arrives or until your boat is no longer in contact with the line. Also, check for the location of power lines before fishing. Make sure you are casting the line away from power lines to avoid potential contact.

Take steps to prevent electrical hazards out of water recreation activities. Keep your summer fun and safe.



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We Want to Hear From You!

Every other year our Statewide Association, the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, conducts an anonymous statewide survey via mail to help us better understand our members and their needs. The survey will be conducted in 2011 and include questions focusing on your satisfaction with our service, your views on energy efficiency and renewable energy, how you use electricity and technology and about you and your family.

The survey responses will be returned to an impartial third party who will only provide the cooperative and association with the tabulated results, not your identity. For your convenience, an online response option has been added this year.

If you receive a questionnaire, please complete and return it by the requested deadline. By participating, you'll be eligible to win one of five \$100 electric bill credits.

The target date for mailing questionnaires is mid-August.

Please contact us if you receive a questionnaire and have questions.



Clay County Water Update

Clay County Water, Inc. has received word from USDA Rural Development, that the funds have been obligated for the Phase 3 project. The Phase 3 project includes about 50 miles of water line located in Southeast Xenia, South Stanford, South Harter, South Clay City Townships, and a few other short line extensions in the area.

We are now finalizing the map of where exactly the line will go. If you have not been contacted, or would like to sign up for water service to your location, please call. Do not put this off any longer.

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