

Youth to Washington tour

Sierra Bonham of Xenia and Ashley McKnight of Flora represented Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 15-22. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction to our democratic form of government and cooperatives for rural youth.

The students met with Congressman John Shimkus and were among 75 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,500 young leaders from across the country. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson,



Pictured from left: Bonham, Congressman Shimkus and McKnight.

Washington and Roosevelt, the National Archives, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

To find out more about the tour go to www.youthtour.coop or www.facebook.com/ILYouthtoWashington.

Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc. Annual Meeting of Members will be held at Charley Brown Park on Thursday September 6, 2012.



Registration and serving of the meal will begin at 5:15 P.M. and the business portion of the Annual Meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M.



Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Regular meeting May 29, 2012

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 Frank Czyzewski.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held April 23, 2012.

Accepted 15 new members for service.

Canceled 13 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$25,903.90.

Discussed and Accepted the disbursement list for the month of April, 2012.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan regarding the recent AIEC Board Meeting including the 2012 Budget. Also reported that Trustee Logan is a candidate for the Illinois Region V Federated Insurance Director in 2012 election. Also discussed the Executive summary, the article on consolidation of Adams Electric and

Western Illinois Electric, the building of a transmission line, and the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Discussed the upcoming AIEC Annual Meeting, and Appointed Frank Herman as Voting Delegate and Greg Smith as Alternate to the AIEC Board Business meeting. Appointed Kevin Logan as AIEC Delegate and Richard Rudolphi as AIEC Alternate.

Heard a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting, including the financials, cost of coal compliance, load management study, and the status of a public utility bid.

Approved the financial and maintenance reports for the month of April, 2012 including a review of CECI Rate of Return Percentage and TIER Graphs. as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Reviewed and Approved a resolution for the restatement of the Pension and 401 (k) plans.

Discussed Alternate Retail Electric Suppliers (ARES) marketing.

Authorized Gen. Mgr. Meng to begin a complete Cost of Service

Study.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng on a Cooperative Digger Unit.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng as to a Financial Forecast that has been submitted to CFC.

Heard a report on a personnel issue.

Updated on the digital mapping system, and it's use with JULIE.

Heard and Approved a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng concerning the retirement of Capital Credits to the estates of three deceased members pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

Heard a report on various issues by Gen. Mgr. Meng including a Sub fence repair, the status of Nomination Petitions, the upcoming Region V meeting, and the additional information requested for renewal of the Federated Insurance policy.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng on operation problems with 2 line trucks.

Disbursed 2 Thank you cards.

Adjournment.

Clay County Water Update

Clay County Water, Inc. continues the construction of the Phase 3 waterline project. We also continue to work on obtaining the necessary easements required for the project. Even if you do not intend to connect to the water, please be considerate of your neighbors that would like to connect.

The remainder of the Phase 3 project includes water lines located in Stanford, Harter, and South Clay City Townships.

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, as fees will increase as the project proceeds.

Doug Hockman 662-6666, Sue Pettit 662-4305,
Bob Pierson 662-7471, Kye Hemphill 662-4590,
Bill Seelman 662-8479, Dwight Edgington 678-2782
Kevin Henry 618-838-6123, or Hank Hilmes 662-2388.

APPLEKNOCKER ARTS AND SCIENCE FESTIVAL

September 29, 2012
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Flora High School Grounds
600 South Locust St.

Sponsored by the Flora Academic Foundation

Featuring the tumbling teams:
DAS-zle Dance & Tumble
and
Power & Grace

Nitro Joe's Science Show
A thrilling, fast-paced,
high-energy
science presentation

Chris Camp
THE WHIP GUY
World Champion Whip
Cracker and Entertainer

5K, 1 MILE RUN &
100 YD DASH

The festival grounds will be filled with booths featuring hands-on activities, various learning experiences and exhibits, along with a food alley with all kinds of delicious food and goodies. Also, numerous other forms of entertainment will be present on the grounds throughout the day.



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Help Control Summer Energy Costs

Do the Summer Shift: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekdays

You may wonder, “Why does an electric utility want me to reduce my consumption?”

The answer is that Clay Electric is different because we are a cooperative, owned by the members. Our goal is to provide reliable power at the best value for all our members with an eye on the future. Three major factors affect the price of electricity: the price of fuel needed to generate power, the cost to comply with environmental regulations and the demand for power. You have the power to help keep our rates affordable by simply shifting the timing of your power use over the summer.

Consider doing the summer shift by shifting any flexible energy use outside of the time window from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays from

June through August. These are the peak energy demand hours in our region in the summer. That means they are the hours that most tax our resources that generate our electricity, making it more expensive for them to provide for the higher energy demand.

Any energy use you can move outside of 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on summer weekdays cuts our total use during peak pricing hours and helps to keep our rates affordable. You can do the summer shift by following these guidelines:

- Run appliances like clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers and other electric devices before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Delay using hot water until after 7 p.m. so that your water heater

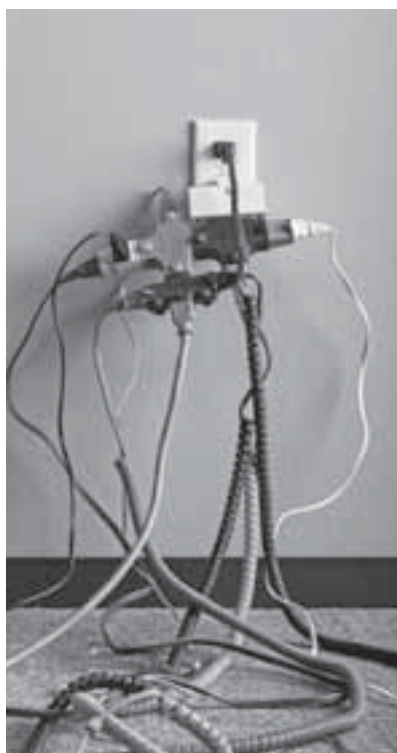
recharges after the peak times.

- Set the thermostat on your air conditioning equipment or heat pump up three degrees during the peak time. Use ceiling fans and close drapes to help the air conditioner even more.
- Turn off any unneeded lights and electronics (turn electronics off at the surge strip when possible).
- Delay television watching and computer battery charging until after 7 p.m.

We hope you will decide to make a few small changes in energy habits to contribute to savings for yourself and Clay Electric’s entire community. Do the summer shift – Together We Save!

Help college students stay safe

Electrical safety in the dorm



College living can undoubtedly be exciting. For most students attending schools outside of their home town or state, it’s their first opportunity to be independent. While college provides new and exciting opportunities, it also introduces myriad safety hazards, especially to students living in dormitories, apartments, and other community locations.

The following tips will help college students and others stay safe this fall:

- Do not overload extension cords, power strips, or outlets. Overloading these can cause overheating and deterioration, resulting in a shock or fire hazard.
- Use adaptors in rooms with old-fashioned, two-prong outlets.
- Buy a power strip with an over-current protector. It will shut off power automatically if too much power

gets drawn.

- If an outlet is hot to the touch, unplug appliances immediately and notify the resident assistant. It could be a potential fire hazard.
- Do not connect multiple extension cords together.
- Extension cords are only for temporary use.
- Do not route extension cords under carpet or doors. Do not staple or puncture through extension cords.
- Look for the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) mark on any electrical product you use.
- Use lightbulbs with the correct wattage for lamps. The wattage specification should be indicated near the bulb socket.
- Always supervise the use of hot plates. They can easily start a fire if left unattended.