

Hockman recognized for work on HomeE program

The Chairman of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) annually recognizes cooperative directors or staff for outstanding effort in the rural electric program. This year's winners were the local cooperative staff that promoted and administered HomeE, the energy assessment program that helped many of their cooperatives' member-owners reduce their electric bills by making their homes more energy efficient. The \$2.5 million federal stimulus grant received by

the AIEC, allowed cooperative staff to perform 3,441 heating and cooling, insulation and weatherization home assessments in just 16 months. This effort resulted in the reduction of 397,622 therms of natural gas; 889,426 gallons of propane gas; 1,628,462 kwh of electricity; and eliminated nearly 7,000 metric tons of CO₂. The economic impact of the project resulted in \$24 million of completed projects.



Doug Hockman, Member Services Director for Clay Electric was recognized for his hard work and dedication for participating in the HomeE energy efficiency program.



Shorter showers = more savings for you

You can save money and help the environment by being just a little quicker with your daily shower. According to an article in the Christian Science Monitor, a typical shower head can produce two gallons of water per minute. In a 12-minute shower, you're using 24 gallons, which adds up to over 8,700 gallons yearly.

Cutting your shower time down to four minutes can save you anywhere from \$10 to \$100 per year, depending on your local water rates. It'll also save on utility costs associated with heating the water for your shower.

So try to get in and out quicker, and you'll do yourself and the world a favor in the long run.

Air Evac Lifeteam – Your Rural Connection To the Best Healthcare Available

Maybe it was a miracle, divine intervention, or just plain luck. But Bill Kennedy is alive today, and has several people to thank after suffering a nearly-tragic accident in 2010 on his property in rural Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

Kennedy, 66, suffered 3rd degree burns on 35 percent of his body while he was working underneath a Combine on Oct. 2, 2010. That afternoon, while attempting to repair the faulty machine, a spark ignited some hydraulic fluid that had leaked onto his left leg. Within seconds his clothes were incinerated and his left leg and arm were on fire, with the flames licking higher than Kennedy's head.

Bill Kennedy was in grave trouble, and he knew it.

"At that moment I remember asking God to forgive me of my sins," said Kennedy, who admit-

ted his next memory was sitting 50 feet from the Combine clear of danger. Inexplicably, Kennedy somehow made it out of the burning Combine, although he has no recollection on how it happened.

Kennedy's neighbor, Rob Jones, happened upon Kennedy and put out the flames still engulfing the Hurricane Mills man. "When he found me I was sitting in the field still on fire," said Kennedy. "Rob later said that something told him to come to my property and check on me." Kennedy credits Jones for saving his life, along with the quick actions of Eric Mayberry, who together with Jones loaded up the injured man in Mayberry's truck and drove to Three Rivers Hospital in Waverly, Tenn.

Along the way, the men called the hospital to inform them of Kennedy's accident, and that air

medical transport would probably be needed to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville.

With severe and possibly life-threatening burns, Kennedy was loaded into the waiting Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter to get the definitive and life-saving medical care he needed. Air Evac Lifeteam, with 110 bases nationwide, is the largest independently-owned air ambulance service in the country and serves as the critical link to improved response time and immediate access to medical care facilities. Following traumatic farming accidents such as the one suffered by Bill Kennedy, an air ambulance can save considerable time and increases the likelihood of a positive outcome.

Today, Bill Kennedy is alive, and thankful to the Air Evac Lifeteam crew that helped save his life.

Air Evac Lifeteam Memberships – A Great Value

Air Evac Lifeteam and the Clay Electric Co-op are teaming up to offer Air Evac Lifeteam memberships at reduced rates for members of the Co-op.

For only \$40 to \$50, members can receive an annual membership from Air Evac Lifeteam, the largest independently-owned air ambulance service in the country. Memberships are also available for \$5 per month added to your Clay Electric Co-op bill each month. Once an individual becomes a member, they will never get a bill if they are flown by Air Evac Lifeteam.

Memberships are valid in all Air Evac Lifeteam service areas, so members are covered while traveling through the 15-state service area.

"We feel an Air Evac Lifeteam membership is a good value, and with this discount it's even better," said Membership Sales Manager Chris Rogers. "Thanks to our membership program, we can transport people in life-threatening medical emergencies in rural areas that otherwise might be able to support an air ambulance service."

For information about Air Evac Lifeteam's membership program, call Rogers at 217-690-6488.



Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Regular meeting July 30, 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 Greg Smith.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held June 25, 2012.

Accepted 16 new members for service.

Canceled 6 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$68,871.11.

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

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the AIEC financials, and the AIEC Annual Meeting.

Heard a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting, including the financials.

Approved the financial and main-

tenance reports for the month of May, and reviewed the power bill, as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng.

Discussed the upcoming AIEC Annual Meeting.

Discussed the upcoming Clay Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members, Informed that there were 3 nomination petitions received, and Appointed Richard Rudolphi as acting Secretary to certify Petitioners for candidacy.

Heard reports by Gen. Mgr. Meng on status of the Cost of Service Study, repairs to a digger truck, vehicle purchase, and Succession Planning issues.

Reviewed and **Approved** revisions to the Safety Policy # 800-7.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng on damage to a Cooperative Pickup.

Approved the retirement of Capital Credits to the estate of one deceased member pursuant to Cooperative policy.

Reviewed and **Discussed** recent published articles relating to Electric Power.

Adjournment.

Clay County Water Update

Clay County Water, Inc. continues the construction of the Phase 3 waterline project. The remainder of the Phase 3 project includes water lines located in Stanford, 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.



Dads invade the supermarket

The long-held stereotype of the grocery store as women's territory may be losing its grip. A study from Cone Communications reports that 52 percent of fathers are now the primary grocery shoppers in their family. And they're not just popping out for a six-pack, either. The study's findings include:

- **Shopping lists.** A majority of dads—63 percent—take a detailed shopping list to the store with them.
- **Coupons.** Another majority—56 percent—collect coupons and read advertising circulars when planning their shopping trips.
- **Meals.** Fifty-two percent of shopping dads plan meals for the week.
- **Research.** Twenty-four percent of fathers who shop check the background of the products they buy.

ELECTRIC CO-OPS WERE CONSTRUCTED WITH LINES, POLES AND THE FOOLHARDY NOTION THAT WE ALL PROSPER BY HELPING EACH OTHER.



It seems obvious in retrospect, but there was a time when getting electricity outside of the city limits wasn't a given. Today, the spirit of community that co-ops were built upon continues to thrive. And as members we can all lend a hand by saving energy. Learn how at TogetherWeSave.com.



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