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Scholarship winners announced

Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative has awarded six \$500 scholarships to area students.

This year's scholarships recipients are Alexandra Davison, Allison Endsley, Lexi Kremer, Robert Oliver, Carley Smith, and Nathaniel Stoll.

Alexandra Davison is the daughter of Mike and Laura Davison of Sullivan. She is attending Lakeland College pursuing a degree in Microbiology and transferring to SIU. Allison Endsley of Charleston, is the daughter of Jim and Debbie Endsley. She is pursuing a degree in Communication Disorders and Sciences at Eastern Illinois University. Lexi Kremer, the daughter of Douglas and Marlene Kremer of Mattoon, will be attending Illinois Wesleyan University pursuing a degree in Biology. Robert Oliver will be attending Eastern Illinois University. He is the son of Jon and Rebecca Oliver of Charleston. Carley Smith is the daughter of Scott and Cindy Smith of Charleston. She will be attending Lakeland College and is pursuing a degree in Pre-Nursing. Nathaniel Stoll is attending the University of Illinois. He is the son of Kerwyn and Karen Stoll of Mattoon. He is enrolled in the Electrical Engineering program.

To be eligible, one must have been a Coles-Moultrie member or a legal dependent of a Coles-Moultrie member.

Applicants were judged on their grade point average, academic achievements, community and school work, and a one page essay on "How can electrical cooperatives benefit from 'green energy'?"

Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative's President/CEO Kim Leftwich commented, "Again this year, all the applicants were outstanding. By helping these students to further their education, it is Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative's way of making a commitment to the future and investing in the communities we serve".



Alexandra Davison



Allison Endsley



Lexi Kremer



Robert Oliver



Carley Smith



Nathaniel Stoll



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Monday-Friday
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Philip Meyer..... Sullivan
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President/CEO

Kim Leftwich

To report an outage

- First check your fuses or circuit breakers and see if your neighbors have power.
- If the problem appears to be with the cooperative's lines, call the office at the toll free number (888-661-2632), give the name the service is listed under, and report any hazardous conditions.

Minutes of regular board meeting

April 30, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative was held at the Cooperative office at 104 Dewitt Avenue, East, Mattoon, Illinois at 7pm April 30, 2015, pursuant to notice duly given. The meeting was called to order by Jeff Hudson, Chairman. After calling the roll, the following directors were present: Scott Uphoff, Philip Meyer, Jeff Hudson, John Bowers, Steve Shrader, Debbie Albin, and Dean Robison. Also present were Kim Leftwich - President/CEO, Amy Borntrager - Chief Financial Officer, Jim Wallace - Director of Operations, Darla Powell - Director of Human Resources/Office Manager, and Bill Tapella - Corporate Counsel, Tapella & Eberspacher.

The agenda was approved in addition to the Consent Calendar as submitted including the New Members and the February Safety & Training report and excluded the 03/26/15 Board meeting minutes.

Bill Tapella gave the legal report.

The Director fees and expenses for January, February and March were approved.

The motion to approve the CMEC Annual Meeting Notice was passed

Steve Shrader was appointed as voting delegate at the CFC Conference and Scott Uphoff as the alternate.

Kim Leftwich was appointed as the PPI voting delegate and Scott Uphoff as

the alternate at the PPI annual Meeting.

Kim Leftwich and Scott Uphoff were appointed as PPI Directors and John Bowers as alternate Director.

The 2014 independent audit of CMEC was accepted as presented by Staff.

The motion to allocate \$556,229 for operating margins and \$884,605 for G&T and Other Capital Credit allocations to the CMEC membership was carried.

The Illinois annual report was approved with changes.

A motion was passed to approve the name changes necessary on the FMIB&T signature cards.

The CFC signature was changed to Kim Leftwich as President & CEO.

It was authorized to change the CoBank signature from Chris Christman to Kim Leftwich.

The motion to accept the changes to Board Policy #38 as submitted was carried.

Board Policies #29, #30, and #31 were reviewed.

Board Policy #32 was reviewed. It was decided to suspend it for future review after the AIEC has completed their review and made recommendations.

Amy Borntrager gave the financial report.

Director Uphoff gave the PPI report.

Kim Leftwich gave the President/CEO report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Keep cool this summer!
ENERGY STAR certified refrigerators are about 9-10 percent more energy efficient than models that meet the federal minimum energy efficiency standard.

Source: energystar.gov

Coles-Moultrie Sponsorship Benefits SBL Regional Cancer Center



Pictured are: (front, left to right) SBL Golf Committee members Patty Hedges and Linda Neeley; (back, left to right) Mary Bovard, Becky Taylor, Sam Adair, Coles-Moultrie President and CEO Kim Leftwich, Tim Kastl and Kim Lockart

Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative and CoBank recently donated \$6,000 in sponsorship funds to Sarah Bush Lincoln's 26th annual golf benefit scheduled for Friday, June 12, at Meadowview Golf Course. Net proceeds from the event will benefit the construction of Sarah Bush Lincoln's new Regional Cancer Center.

"We are delighted to support

Sarah Bush Lincoln in its efforts to enhance cancer care for community members with a new modern facility," Coles-Moultrie President and CEO Kim Leftwich said.

"Coles Moultrie's \$3,000 donation was matched dollar-for-dollar by CoBank, as part of its 'Sharing Success' program designed to benefit cooperatives and the charitable groups they support throughout

rural America," Leftwich said.

Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative has been a sponsor of the SBL Golf Benefit since 1990, with donations totaling more than \$76,000 over the 25-year period. For more information or to register for the golf benefit, please contact Kim Lockart in the SBL Foundation office at 238-4765.

Member



Exchange

For Sale

- 14 1/2 ft steel gate (heavy) - \$50; 42 in snow plow blade with 2 ea 30 lb wheel weights for Craftsman yard tractor - \$100; 20" x 30" x 24" high collapsible pet pen - \$25. Call 217-895-3474 or 217-855-3617.
- #811 New Balance walking shoe - 11, new - \$20. Call 217-235-1391.
- China cabinet buffet hutch, like new, 6' 5 1/2" x 6' 4" x 17 1/2" depth, solid light oak - \$850. Top half has 3 glass shelves with mirrored back, 4 beautiful glass doors trimmed with oak wood, bottom half has 4 velvet lined drawers, very bottom has lots of storage behind 4 oak drawers; Small secretary roll-top solid oak desk, divided storage shelves, 3 drawers - other storage and pencil drawer, like new, 45" x 32 1/2" x 24" depth - \$125. Call 217-348-8850 after 5 pm.
- 100+ year old bottles from Boston MA, 5 rubbermaid containers full, with and without writing, clear and brown. \$125 for the lot. Call 630-209-5305, Sullivan.
- Large (21 1/2" across x 18 1/2" tall) concrete urn style flower pots, nicely aged - \$50 each firm. Cash only. Rural Lerna/Trilla area. Call 217-235-5827 noon - 6pm.

East Central Illinois Farm Equipment Club Annual Show

July 17, 18 and 19, 2015

Coles County Fairgrounds, Charleston IL

Feature Tractor - Odd Balls and Orphans
Tractor Parades, Thrashing Demos,
Antique Tractor Pull, Pedal Pulls,
Ron Easter, Twilight Tractor Drive, Flea Markets,
Car & Truck Show Saturday
Free Admission

For more info:

Call 217-254-1489 or www.eciafec_secretary@yahoo.com

A Note about Member Exchange

Your cooperative offers the member exchange as a free service to our members. Each month we continue to receive more and more ads via the mail and e-mail and it continues to grow. To help us continue to provide this service for free, we would like you to try and keep your ads to a couple of items per account and limit the number of words to 30. We try to run the ads at length when room allows and will continue to do this. Member Exchange items need to reach us 1 1/2 months prior to the month the ad will appear by the 15th of the month. We reserve the right to accept or reject any ad and also to edit the ad if needed.

Medical Necessity

For some electric cooperative members, service is more than a convenience; it is a necessity. Coles Moultrie Electric Cooperative realizes that some homes are equipped with life-sustaining medical equipment that requires a reliable source of power. Our commitment to you is to provide electric service safely and with as few interruptions as possible. Unfortunately, it is impossible to guarantee uninterrupted power 100% of the time. Each year, events - some beyond our control - occur and cause power outages.

If your health or well-being depends on electric supply, please contact us at Coles Moultrie Electric and we will do our best, in the event of an outage, to get power back to your home in a timely fashion.

Have your physician write us a note explaining the situation. Upon receipt of this documentation, we can make a note of

the medical need on the account. This way, our representatives will be aware of the condition in the event of an outage or if the account is scheduled for disconnection. The presence of critical medical devices does not exempt service from termination due to non-payment of bill. Anticipated payment delays should be addressed through the cooperative's office.

In addition to letting us know, we also offer these additional suggestions for your safety and strongly encourage you to implement them:

- Obtain a back-up source of power recommended by the manufacturer of any life sustaining or critical care equipment you may have in your home. For example, battery back-ups or standby generators can provide you with electric power if service from the cooperative

is interrupted. Call the office at 888-661-2632 if you have questions or need assistance with this.

- Talk with relatives or friends today and devise a plan whereby the individual who relies on this equipment will have somewhere to stay in the event of a major power outage, or even for just a few hours.

Notifying the cooperative of your situation does not guarantee uninterrupted electric service, nor does it guarantee immediate attention to your individual service should the area experience a power outage. It does alert us to the situation. Letting us know your specific needs allows Coles Moultrie Electric Cooperative personnel to better serve you. This is just another way Coles Moultrie is looking out for you.