



# Clinton County Connection

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## Clinton County Electric Cooperative celebrates National Lineman Appreciation Day



*Mike Johnson*

America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day.



On April 13, Clinton County Electric Cooperative will honor the hard working men who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on for our member/owners.

The full text of the resolution, which the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Board of Directors adopted unanimously, follows:

“Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure; Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents; and Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen;

Therefore be it resolved that NRECA recognize the Second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day and make available to electric cooperatives materials and support to recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America's Electric Cooperatives.”



We at Clinton County Electric Cooperative proudly recognize our electric linemen for the services they perform in potentially dangerous conditions, keeping power flowing and protecting the public's safety. Our linemen are an important component of our overall reliability initiative.

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“Electric linemen often do not receive the recognition they deserve,” said Mike Johnson President/COO. “They work all hours of the day and night, often in hazardous conditions far from their families, going above and beyond to restore power to our rural service territory. Our linemen, as well as linemen from across the nation, truly deserve this special day of recognition.”

Clinton County Electric Cooperative will honor our nine linemen on April 13. We invite all of you, our member/owners, to do the same by taking a moment to thank the men who enhance our quality of life by bringing light to our homes.



**National Lineman  
Appreciation Day**  
**April 13**





# Grants awarded

Grants totaling \$4,000 were awarded to area teachers through the Touchstone Energy 2014/2015 Classroom Empowerment Grant Program. Clinton County Electric Cooperative awarded checks to the following participants:



### Bartelso Elementary

Special Education Teacher Abby Kreke from Bartelso Elementary accepts a check for \$500.00 from CCECI Representative Carrie Trame.



### Damiansville Elementary

Third Grade Teacher Candace Detmer of Damiansville Elementary accepts a \$500 check from CCECI representative Carrie Trame.



### Breese Elementary District 12

Cooperative employee Carrie Trame presented a check for \$500 to Breese Elementary District 12 on behalf of a grant written by 5th Grade Teacher Courtney Taylor.

### Carlyle Junior High School



A check for \$1500 was presented to the teachers at Carlyle Junior High School. Pictured left to right are LuAlice Kampwerth, Library Media Specialist; 6th Grade Science Teacher Patty Harre; CCECI President Mike Johnson; and Tara Joiner, Special Education Teacher.



### Central High School



Carrie Trame presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Central High School on behalf of a grant written by Ag Teacher Rick Harre. Pictured left to right are Rick Harre; Carrie Trame CCECI Representative; Alex Diekmann, Central's FFA President; and Clay Timmermann, Central's FFA Vice President.

### Germantown Elementary

Accepting a \$500 check from Carrie Trame of Clinton County Electric Cooperative is Margie Koopmann, a science teacher at Germantown Elementary.



## Mary Jane Richter

Mary Jane Richter has retired from Clinton County Electric Cooperative after 45 years of dedicated service to the membership. Mary Jane started with the cooperative on Dec. 12, 1969 as the Billing Clerk/Secretary. Throughout the years she had the opportunity to work for all four managers and was able to form special bonds with many Clinton County Electric members. The entire Clinton County Electric Cooperative family wishes Mary Jane the best of luck in her retirement.



## Jason Deering

Clinton County Electric Cooperative is happy to introduce its newest employee Jason Deering. Jason has been a lineman for the city of Breese for the past 10 years and started as an Apprentice Lineman with the cooperative on Feb. 16. Jason and his wife Cassandra have one little boy and they reside in Breese. In his free time he enjoys watching Cardinal baseball and spending time with family and friends. We welcome Jason to the Clinton County Electric Cooperative family.

*In observance of Memorial Day, the office  
will be CLOSED on Monday, May 25th*

