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Mike Johnson

Treasure hunt – help us find these past members

Most of this month's publication will be dedicated to the task of finding past members that have outstanding capital credits OWED TO THEM. We need your assistance in locating these members so we can return their allocated/unretired patronage. A list of members with outstanding capital credit checks can be found on page 16b of this publication. Please contact us at P.O. Box 40, Breese, IL 62230, via e-mail at cceci@cceci.com or by phone 618-526-7282 if you can help us find these previous members. In the future, if you move off our lines please contact the office and let us know your new mailing address. That way we can refund your patronage to you when capital credit payments are sent.

Last month I began the dialogue with the membership concerning possible 2013 rate changes. Please note, I said rate changes, NOT rate increases. The conversation centered on our facility charges. This is the area we will focus on with our 2013 rate change. We have set an October 10, 2012 meeting with the Clinton County Electric Cooperative Advisory Committee. We will be seeking their response and opinions concerning our proposed 2013 rate changes. A special board meeting with the Board of Trustees will be held on October 22, 2012 to debate the details

of the rate change. As of today, the Board intends to discuss and possibly approve 2013 rate changes at their regular board meeting which is scheduled for October 23, 2012. I am writing this article near the end of September, so I would be guessing to inform you today what the specifics of the rate change will be. Stay tuned - our December Illinois Country Living articles will go into great deal concerning the rate change.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite the membership to visit our website, www.cceci.com. You will have the opportunity to sign up for E-Business; the button is on the upper left of our home page. All you will need is a Cooperative billing statement and a valid email address. Once you are signed in, you will be able to view your personal account and have the option to pay your bill via our website using debit card, credit card, or checking account information.

Please remember, all initiatives we embark on always have our members' best interest in mind. Providing our members with affordable electricity and excellent service will continue to be our goal in the future. As always, if you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at johnson@cceci.com.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

In observance of the following holidays, the Cooperative office will be closed:

Thanksgiving
Thurs., Nov. 22
and Fri., Nov. 23



**Christmas Eve
& Christmas Day**
Mon., Dec. 24 & Tues., Dec. 25

New Year's Eve & New Year's Day
Mon., Dec. 31 & Tues., Jan. 1

CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS NOT CASHED AS OF SEPT 19, 2012

Please contact us at PO Box 40, Breese, IL, 62230, via email at cceci@cceci.com, or by phone at (618) 526-7282 if you can help us locate these previous members.

Agent CB&QRR Co, Centralia IL
Thomas Ainsworth, Jr., Keyesport IL
Gregory Anderson, Carlyle IL
Franklin D Baker, Collinsville IL
Herbert Barnes, Fairfield CA
Stanley Bennett, Portage MI
King Betz, Centralia IL
Glen W Biekert, New Baden IL
Emmett Boaz, Vandalia IL
Nina Bonuso, Glen Carbon IL
Brookside Town Hall, Centralia IL
Gary L Butts, Sandoval IL
Camelot Realty, Fairview Hts IL
Capital Coordination, Belleville IL
Robert E Colston, St Louis MO
Lynn Conrad, Centralia IL
Continental Cablevision, Chesterfield MO
David A Dickinson, Highland IL
Gary Dorries, Trenton IL
John Durer, Glen Carbon IL
Rodney Eads, Charleston IN
Mary Edwards, Gillespie IL
David Erbes, Centralia IL
Exxon Mobil Pipeline, Columbia SC
William E Flach, Jr, Millstadt IL
Pauline Funderburk, Carlyle IL
Clark Gallagher, Albers IL
Harold Gazda, Florissant MO
Glen Gidley, Hoffman IL
Olive K Gillian, Carlyle IL

Lloyd Goestenkors, Highland IL
Michael P Gold, Shattuc IL
Albert W Graul, New Baden IL
Ernest J Griffin, East Alton IL
Steven Hammel, Highland IL
Warren Hangsleben, O Fallon IL
Jack Hardin, Jr, Carlyle IL
Ben Harpstrite, Jr, New Baden IL
Nettie Hawn, Wentzville MO
Vincent Hemann, Chesterfield MO
Barbara Holliday, Glen Carbon IL
Barbara Hoskin Bernard, Austin TX
Alan J Jansen, Germantown IL
Wm C Jenkins, Patoka IL
Mona Keck, Mascoutah IL
Susan L Kelly, DuQuoin IL
Stephen C Kerwin, Shattuc IL
Hughie Kimme, Trenton IL
Kevin M Klostermann, Breese IL
Kenneth R Knowles, Summerfield IL
Edgar Koerkenmeier Trust, Highland IL
Herman Kollmann, Albers IL
Cecelia Kreke, Carlyle IL
Kenneth Laux, Carlyle IL
Bruce A Lewis, Fort Dodge IA
Clifford R Lewis, Freeburg IL
Robert J Majka, Sr, Collinsville IL
Wayne E Mamrign, East St Louis IL
Kathleen Mc Coy, Carlyle IL
Esteller Mc Gregor, Carlyle IL
Donna Millikan Miskel,
Mulberry Grove IL
Richard Moore, New Baden IL
Gary Murray, Collinsville IL
Alan F Netemeyer, Germantown IL

Harold J Oliver, East St Louis IL
Arlen Parker, Greenville IL
Leona Peek, Highland IL
Gary R Petrea, Augusta KS
Petrolane Gas Service, Salem IL
James Phillips, Vernon IL
E Dean Potter, Centralia IL
Samuel R Powell, New Baden IL
W F Reinkensmeyer, Ballwin MO
Thomas Reynolds, Granite City IL
Donald D Richey, Carlyle IL
Jack D Rushing, De Soto IL
Kevin Schrage, Breese IL
Ruth Schrage, Breese IL
Jean Schroeder, O Fallon IL
Paul R Schulte, O' Fallon IL
Pamela G Sexton, Centralia IL
H Ward Sneed, Centralia IL
Jeffrey R Stahl, Wood River IL
Gary Stamm, Mascoutah IL
Donald Stoffel, Keyesport IL
Claude H Stone, Maryville IL
Larry Stuehlmeier, Centralia IL
Mary M Sturgeon, Patoka IL
Duane K Sundrup, Bartelso IL
Terry G Tebbe, Aviston IL
Michael G Thompson, APO AE
Douglas Van Dorn, Carlyle IL
Kenneth Vance, Nashville IL
Cletus Voegele, Mascoutah IL
Sandra L Wagner, Wildwood MO
Ronald L Walton, Bartelso IL
Joseph S Wells, Sr, Shattuc IL
Edward B Wessling, Carlyle IL
Norman Wolff, Collinsville IL



Another new service

On November 1, 2012 we deployed a new service to the membership, the ability to TEXT an electrical outage. This service will provide an alternative to calling us in an outage situation. "The new service is faster and just as accurate as a phone call," states Cooperative President Mike Johnson. He continues, "I read an article a few months ago that states almost 60% of Americans currently text. I think the percentage for our membership might be slightly less than that, but I am sure our percentage is increasing."

Here are the steps you need to follow to have the ability to text power outages:

1. Call the Cooperative office to make sure we have your cell phone numbers recorded in our system. This is very important. Simply texting our two main phone numbers WILL NOT work.
2. After you have given the Cooperative your cell phone numbers, go to our website www.cceci.com and register for the service. You can do this by clicking on the button that looks like a smart phone. The registration process is simple and takes less than two minutes.
3. You will be given a "texting number." Add this number to your contacts list on your cell phone.

Now you are ready to text us in the event your power goes out. Please call the office during normal office hours, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, if you have any questions or comments about outage texting.



Eight 2013 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

Mike Johnson, President of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives will again in 2013 award seven academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, an eighth scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will also be offered.

The eight scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded in 2013 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Four scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A fifth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee. The sixth and seventh scholarships are reserved for

students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

A new eighth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” was awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$1,500 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Sons and daughters of cooperative members; relatives of cooperative employees or directors; individuals enrolled in the Lincoln Land lineworker’s school; and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for the lineworker’s scholarship.

“We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past



rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says Mike Johnson, President. “Clinton County Electric Cooperative and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best

ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one. In addition, we are very pleased to offer the electric lineworker’s scholarship. It will benefit not only electric cooperative youth but also those fine men and women who have served their country through their military service and may now be wanting to become a trained lineworker.”

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Brenda Knolhoff by calling the cooperative or emailing Knolhoff@cceci.com. All necessary paperwork is being sent to area high school guidance counselors and is available for download at the cooperative’s website at www.cceci.com.

Trustee spotlight on Ron Becker

Board of Trustees member Ron Becker is a lifelong resident of the Trenton area. Ron has served on the board at Clinton County Electric since 1991. He currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer. Ron also serves on the Board of Directors at Southern Illinois Power Cooperative – the power plant that supplies Clinton County Electric with electricity. Ron earned both Bachelors and Masters degrees from SIUE. He has also earned Professional Director Certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and is a Credentialed Cooperative Director along with earning the Board Leadership Certificate. Ron retired from teaching mathematics at the Edwardsville School District in the year 2000 with 35 years of experience. He is currently a farm owner, but not a farm operator.



Ron Becker

Ron served in the Army from 1968-1970 and spent all of 1969 in Vietnam. In his spare time, Ron likes to spend time at the family farms and also enjoys very much working with his collection of cars, trucks and tractors. Ron and his wife Christine have a daughter, Barbara, a son, Aaron, a grandson, Owen, and a granddaughter, Callie.

You'll never have to write another check to Clinton County Electric Cooperative!

Members may now choose to pay bills online at www.cceci.com. Clinton County Electric's e-bill page gives you the ability to instantly view information about your bill from home, office or any place you have access to the Internet. You can view your account and pay your bill online through a secured website by either a credit/debit card or by e-check. To pay with e-check you will need your bank's routing number and your checking account number.

E-bill at Clinton County Electric is easily accessed by clicking on "E-Business Solution" on the upper left corner of the home page. If you have already registered, enter your e-mail address and a password to go to the Account List page. If you are a first-time user, you

must go through a brief registration. On the Account List page, you can view the image of the current paper bill that was mailed to you, as well as bill detail, payment history and billing history. Charts showing views of monthly and average kilowatt hour usage and costs are also at your fingertips. If you have more than one account, choose which accounts you wish to pay, then click the "Pay" button and select a payment option. Best of all, you can pay your bill with the simple click of a mouse. It doesn't get any easier than that! For more information, call our office during regular business hours of Monday – Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 p.m. or email us at cceci@cceci.com.