

Menard Electric Cooperative's

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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Celebrate your membership!

October is National Cooperative Month

This time of year we celebrate being a cooperative and we invite you celebrate your membership with us. Why? Because being a *member* of Menard Electric Cooperative is different from being a *customer* of a utility.

- Unlike investor-owned utilities, we aren't under any pressure to generate big profits for far-away stockholders. We invest any profits earned into our local business or return the excess (known as margins) back to you in the form of capital credits.
- Our Board of Directors is elected by and made up of members who live and work in this area; instead of seeking profits they seek to provide service that is safe and reliable while remaining affordable.
- Our goal of providing a valuable service to our local community is the same as it was when the cooperative was formed over 78 years ago; when men and women in rural areas banded together to create cooperatives to serve areas that investor-owned utilities were not interested in.
- Today, Menard Electric serves more than 10,700 meters across over 2,590 miles of line. Although we've grown a lot in 78 years, we still operate under the seven cooperative principles we were formed under (see below).

The Seven Guiding Cooperative Principles

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| ■ Voluntary and open membership | ■ Education, training and information |
| ■ Democratic member control | ■ Cooperation among cooperatives |
| ■ Member's economic participation | ■ Concern for community |
| ■ Autonomy and independence | |



Co-op Facts

- 47,000 cooperative businesses operate in America, this includes everything from credit unions and agricultural groups to grocery stores and daycare.
- 42% of the nation's electric distribution lines are owned by cooperatives. They cover 75% of our country's land mass.
- 12% of the nation's electric meters are part of rural electric cooperatives.
- 24 electric distribution cooperatives serve more than 294,000 homes and businesses in Illinois.



In Memory: Bob Burris

Robert (Bob) Burris passed away in August from complications from a long battle with cancer. Bob was a dedicated employee of Menard Electric for 33 years. He began his career on Aug. 23, 1982, as a laborer and completed the 4-year Apprentice Lineman program to become a Journeyman in March 1986. Many of our members in the Mason City, Middletown, Elkhart, Broadwell, Lincoln and Williamsville areas will remember Bob as their Area Serviceman from 1990-2010. In 2010, he became General Foreman and managed our Operations Department.

Bob's quick smile and sense of humor are missed by all of us at the cooperative.

Safety Accreditation

Menard Electric Cooperatives sets a high standard of safety for our employees and our members. We strive to provide our employees with the tools they need to work as safely as possible. We also seek to educate members in ways to stay safe around electricity as well as performing work such as tree trimming that helps protect all of our members and the general public.

Our commitment to safety goes beyond what is required and we have once again earned our Safety Accreditation through the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program (RESAP) sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

This accreditation is earned every

three years after an intense review of our safety record, policies and procedures as well as performance of an extensive onsite field observation. The RESAP program measures the effectiveness of our co-op's comprehensive safety program and the standards used exceed those required by OSHA.

"Achieving this accreditation is a great accomplishment for all of our employees," says Manager Eric Hobbie. "It shows that we as a co-op are doing all we can to keep our members safe and to provide our employees a safe work environment and the training they need to return home to their families at the end of each day. Additionally, it saves our co-op money annually by reducing our insurance premiums."



New employee

Dustin Crosier joined Menard Electric Cooperative in August as a System Engineer. He has a degree in Electrical Engineering from Louisiana Tech University and has worked five years designing electronic testing equipment for Dickey-John.



Help us find these members

In May our Board of Directors authorized a general retirement of capital credits earned in 1991 and a portion of 1992. If you were an active member during that time you received a bill credit or a check. (Remember, capital credits are the margins we earn that are allocated back to you each year because we are a non-profit and member-owned cooperative.)

Members who no longer have service with us were mailed a check. The names listed here represent past members we were unable to locate. If you know any of these members, or the executors of their estate, please have them contact Michelle at the office. They may email info@menard.com or call 800-872-1203. This list is also available at www.menard.com.

Adams, Elizabeth, Sherman
Anderson, Kyle, Athens
Angel, Wanda, Petersburg
Ater, Patricia, Jacksonville
Ausmus, Francis, Springfield
Ausmus, Stacey, Springfield
Backus, James & Annetta, Chatham
Ballinger, Richard, Macon, GA
Barbour, Richard & Margaret, Ellsworth
Bays, Barbara, Topeka
Bearden, Rickey, Havana
Bennett, David & Elizabeth, Springfield
Bernardin, David & Brenda, Rochester
Bliven, Steve, Maryland Heights, MO
Bloomfield, Deborah, Ashland
Booher, Edwin & Cynthia, Springfield
Borcherding, Julie, Divernon
Bridges, Phyllis, Springfield
Brodbeck, Joan, Canton
Brown, Stephen & Gail, Riverton
Bublitz, Elroy & Christine, Mason City
Buchanan, William & Catherine, Springfield
Burden, Richard, Manito
Burger, Raymond & Rebecca, Lincoln
Buttveck, Anthony & Polly, Mechanicsburg
Cagle, Bud & Debra, Waverly
Calloway, Margaret, Topeka
Campbell, Michael, Petersburg
Carey, Joseph & Vicki, Mechanicsburg
Carter, Bruce, Morton
Chase, Ben Jr., Springfield
Clark, Jerald & Sherlyn, Galesburg
Clay, Demetria, Springfield
Clay, Edward & Judith, Springfield
Clayborne, Oscar/Richard, Springfield
Claycomb, Leslie & Wanda, Springfield
Clemens, James, Pleasant Plains
Clemons, Karen, Springfield
Cliburn, Barbara, Riverton
Clifton, Bruce, Springfield
Clifton, Mark, Bolingbrook
Coady, Dennis, Athens
Coats, David & Reeda, Beardstown
Cobb, Charles, Green Valley
Coers, James & Erin, San Jose
Coffey, John, Bloomington
Coil, Elizabeth, Beardstown
Collins, Dewayne & Dawn, Riverton

Conover, Richard & Carol, Athens
Cookson, Dale, Manito
Crotty, James & Arline, Sherman
Csulits, Mathias, Chicago
Danner, Phillip & E Louise, Havana
Davis, Kevin, Petersburg
Dawson, William & Joan, Chandlerville
Deakin, Amy, Athens
Deiss, Steven & Arlene, Plano, TX
Derrick, Mary, Virginia
Dethrow, Billy, Decatur
Dickerson, Rebecca, Manito
Diles, Elizabeth, Springfield
Dinger, Gloria, Springfield
Dison, David & Diane, Manito
Do Drop Inn, Mason City
Dobelstein, Robert & Michelle, Granger, IN
Doman, Elmer & Dorothy, Pekin
Donley, Leroy, Yuma, AZ
Doolin, Donald, Athens
Dyer, Roland Jr & Laurie, Chesapeake, VA
Dzierwa, Boleslaw & Diana, New Berlin
Edwards, Lester & Jacqueline, Springfield
Ellis Popcorn Co Inc, Murray, KY
Eskridge, Jeffrey, Beardstown
Evans, Donald & Joyce, Godfrey
Evans, Jacquelyn, Athens
Feagans, Scott, Oakford
Ferguson, Dave, Springfield
Fishburn, Lester, Mechanicsburg
Follis, Donna, Chatham
Freitag, Richard, Buffalo
Freske, Bruce, Havana
Fry, Hubert & Frances, Farmington
Geisler, Linda, Springfield
Gillmore, Judith, Petersburg
Goldsby, Harold & Dolores, Pekin
Gowin, Violet, Springfield
Green, Todd, Springfield
Green, Vickie, Peoria
Gregory, Darrell & Jerri, Ashland
Griesheim, Glen & Karen, Illiopolis
Gronau, Charles & Janice, Pleasant Plains
Grubbs, Sandra, Easton
Hackman, James & Diane, Sherman
Hagerman, Harry & Kathleen, Springfield
Hahn, Frances, Lincoln
Hall, Frankie, Havana
Hall, Gordon, Peoria

Hall, Mike, Petersburg
Hallihan, Ronald & Marilyn, Spaulding
Hamilton, Anthony & Kelly, Petersburg
Hampton, Brenda, Springfield
Haney, H Jr. & Kimberly, Williamsville
Hansen, Raymond & Norma, Springfield
Harris, Donna, Pleasant Plains
Hensley, Otto, Bath
Hilton, Jay, Bloomington
Himmelrick, Michelle, Jacksonville
Hoffman, Melvin, Bath
Hohimer, Ronald & Margaret, Marion
Holsman, Gary & Kristy, Beardstown
Howard, Stuart, Pleasant Plains
Jackson, Randall, Springfield
James, Edward & Elizabeth, Jacksonville
Johnson, M Linda, Bartonville
Johnson, Robert, Athens
Johnston, Mildred, Springfield
Kately, Robin, Cantrall
Kemper, Thomas, Topeka
King, Don, Loami
King, Russell, Petersburg
Knepler, Monty & Carla, Springfield
Kosmider, Michael, Manito
Krehbiel, Mark, Pleasant Plains
Lagrisse, Robert, Brooklyn Center, MN
Lamb, Jeannine, Springfield
Landreth, Beverly, Cantrall
Lanham, Lewis Jr. & Mildred, Edmond, OK
Larson, David & Marianne, Lincoln
Laubner, George, Springfield
Laurenzana, Joseph & Lee Ann, Springfield
Leinberger, Bret, Virginia
Lichtenberger, Alan & Josephine, Springfield
LNS Services Inc, Petersburg
Lock, Gary & Susan, Farmington
Lovekamp, Earl, Beardstown
Lund, Howard, Lewistown
Lynn, Shawn, Beardstown
Marta, Ramona, Athens
Marx, Peggy, Springfield
Mayes, Beverly & Fred, Beardstown
McCann, Michael & Lenora, Bartonville
McLeod, Ronald & Karen, Virginia

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Board Meeting Report

For full minutes please visit our website at www.menard.com or contact our office.

Present were Manager Eric Hobbie, Manager of Accounting & Information Systems Chris Hinton, Attorney Charles Smith and Directors Jay Frye, Jerry Brooks, Gary Martin, Donald McMillan, Roy Seaney and Steven Worner. Directors Warren Goetsch, Michael Patrick and Jodine Tate were absent. Director Brooks was appointed Acting Secretary.

Hobbie reviewed the Key Ratio

Trend Analysis Report and Hinton reviewed Form 990. PPI Board Member Overview and Farm Progress Show were discussed.

Affirmed action previously taken to conform 401(k) Plan to NRECA's requirements.

Hobbie advised that he and System Engineer Brady Smith met with Weaver Popcorn representatives.

Hobbie presented financial report

for month of June. Year to date margins were \$1,286,421 compared to \$1,198,124 a year earlier. Equity as of the end of June was 37.39% and the number of member accounts served was 10,791 compared to 10,756 a year ago. Net Utility Plant at the end of June was \$43,401,866 compared to \$42,342,125 last year. The cooperative continues to meet the requirements of the RUS, FFB and NRUCFC.

Help us find these members continued from 16c

McMahan, Isabell, Peoria
Meade, Dale, Beardstown
Michalsen, Gordon & Romona,
Prospect Heights
Miller, Karen, Middletown
Miller, Roger, Virginia
Minor, Matt, Petersburg
Mohlman, Fay, Manito
Morgan, Brian, Manito
Musselman, Lynda & E. Dan, Sherman
Negus Family - Worrell-Leka
Land Services, Jacksonville
Nelson, Louis, Manito
Nesch, Roger & Genora, Sherman
New Salem Antique Centre, Kilbourne
Norton, Timothy & Cynthia, Tennessee
Null, Nelson, Pekin
Olds, Derek, Springfield
Otto, James, Bath
Palmer, Melvin & Linda, Springfield
Parrish, Juanita, Lincoln
Pedroley, Jeffrey & Mary Jane,
Mechanicsburg
Pelszynski, Stephen, Auburn
Pettie, Rhonda, Manito
Phipps, Gregg, Decatur
Piercy, Dave, Petersburg
Plass, Thyra & Gilbert, Bryan, TX
Pollitt, Richard, Topeka
Powell, Lowell, Manito
Purviance, Nathan & Carol,
Jackson Center, OH
Quintenz, Philip, Petersburg
Rathbone, Maynard & Lori, Dawson
Ratliff, Clar, Petersburg
Ray, Frank & Carol, Mechanicsburg

Rector, Barbara, Dawson
Rector, Joan, Riverton
Reed, Danny, Petersburg
Rentfrow, Clarence, Girard
Rhoades, Joseph & Andrey, Auburn
Rice, Debra, Dawson
Ring, Gary & Lori, Virginia
Roberts, John & Alyce, Pekin
Robeson, Jay & Peggy, Springfield
Ross, Helen, Virginia Beach, VA
Roth, Michael & Katherine, Athens
Rotz, Harry & Becky, Clinton
Rowans, Douglas & Patricia, Springfield
Sandelin, Dale & Frances, Marion
Sanders, Harold, Chatham
Sandy, Betty, Easton
Satterlee, Philip, Petersburg
Schappaugh, Margaret, Forest City
Schmid, Fredrick & Lina, Palos Park
Schoener, Frank & Linda, Bartonville
Schoy, Amos & Lucinda, Mason City
Scott, Wayne, Springfield
Selby, Michael & Patti,
Fort Leavenworth, KS
Shelby, Cheryl, Topeka
Sheppard, Daren & John, Beardstown
Short, Billie & Marlene, Havana
Siciliano Inc, Springfield
Skaggs, Walter, Peoria
Skube, Joseph, Springfield
Smith, Gerald, Havana
Smith, Stacey, Topeka
Snider, Gina, Manito
Spanski, Linda, Havana
Sparks & Wiewel Const Co, Quincy
Staff, John & Deborah, Springfield

Stageberg, Gregory, Petersburg
Steve Horve & Assoc, Decatur
Stoever, Eldon & Sandra, Terre Haute, IN
Stoltzenburg, Janice, Decatur
Stufflebeam, Mary, Springfield
Sudduth, Kenwood Family Farm, Sherman
Sutton, Michael, Havana
Tasset, Kenneth & Darlene, Bushnell
Tennison, Bobby, Manito
The Havana Joint Venture, Havana
Thomas, Jason, Mount Pulaski
Thompson, Gary, Springfield
Tippett, Richard & Kathy, Riverton
TJ I Properties, El Rito, NM
Tolan, T Troy, Pleasant Plains
Upp, William & Mary, Beardstown
Utle, Larry & Jackie, North Pekin
Vanderdrift, Thomas Jr & Elizabeth,
Murphysboro
Vanmeter, Lynne, Green Valley
Veach, Jay & Debra, Springfield
Viebrock, Deborah, Manito
Walker, John & Stephanie, Manito
Wallace, Mike, Topeka
Watkins, Jesse & Mary, Lincoln
Wells, John, Riverton
White, John, Havana
Willeford, Timothy, Mechanicsburg
Willis, Danny & Diana, Pleasant Plains
Willis, Harold Jr & Mary, Prairie City
Wood, Johnnie & Debra, Concord
Wright, Janice & James, Rochester
Zarf, Frederick, Springfield