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Member Appreciation Day – Saturday, June 14



Alan W. Wattles

Across The President's Desk

The membership of Monroe County Electric Cooperative is invited to our **"Member Appreciation Day"** at the cooperative office on **Saturday, June 14th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

"Member Appreciation Day" will offer members a chance to visit the cooperative office and meet the employees and directors of the co-op.

Refreshments available will include **bratwursts/hot dogs, chips, cookies, soda/bottled water and ice cream.**

We plan to offer bucket truck rides again this year for anyone attending.

Members who have young children are encouraged to come out as well. We will again have several items for the younger crowd which will include:

- Bucket truck rides
- 2 - Inflated moonwalkers for the children to bounce in
- Way Cool Balloons will be here to make custom balloon figures for the kids
- Face painting and Touchstone Balloon Temporary Decals
- Fresh grilled bratwursts/hot dogs hot dogs, with chips, soda, cookies and ice cream to enjoy

Again this year, we will have our **Blower Door System** set up, as well as our **Infrared Camera Picture Display**. We use these two systems when we perform energy audits and can show you where your home is leaking energy. This is a free service to our membership.

We will also have area vendors here who sell energy efficient systems and products. You will have a chance to meet with representatives of geothermal and heat pump dealers.

We will have attendance gifts for each membership that visits and also a **Grand Prize drawing.**

So come out on Saturday, June 14th, take a bucket truck ride, have a bratwurst or hot dog and say **"HI"** at our **"Member Appreciation Day."**



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Flag Day is June 14

Fly your flag proudly!

Flag trivia:

- On 14th June, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution adopting the flag of the United States. To the original members of the Continental Congress, red stood for hardiness and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance and justice.
- The first US standardized flag was in 1912.
- The first American flag was called The Grand Union.
- Other names for the flag: The Stars and Stripes, Old Glory.
- President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14th as Flag Day in 1916. Eventually, the National

Flag Day was established by a Congressional legislation during the presidential term of Harry Truman in 1949.

- The American flag is made up of 64 pieces of fabric.
- Francis Scott Key wrote The Star-Spangled Banner.
- Person who studies flags is called a vexillologist.
- The American flag – as we see it today – consists of 13 horizontal red and white stripes – representing the 13 original colonies of the United States, and a blue rectangle with 50 white five-pointed stars – representing 50 states of the Union. This design has undergone 26 modifications since it was adopted in 1777. Back then, the red and white

alternating stripes did exist, but the number of stars in the blue rectangle was only thirteen. The 50th star was added to the national flag when Hawaii joined Union in 1959.

- June 14th also marks the birth of the American Continental Army (adopted on June 14, 1775) which is considered to be the parent body of the modern U.S. Army.
- When flying the flag at night, it should always be properly illuminated and taken in during bad weather.
- An upside down flag is an international distress signal, for obvious reasons, one should never do this unless it is a real emergency.

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Three area students will represent Monroe County Electric Cooperative on the annual "Youth to Washington" tour in June

Garrett Kapelski, son of Kevin and Jennifer Kapelski of Smithon, Emily Hartmann, daughter of Mike Hartmann of Freeburg and Wendy Hartmann from Highland and Emily Johansson, daughter of Lars and Barb Johansson of Belleville were selected as winners of the 2014 Youth to Washington contest, sponsored by your electric cooperative.

The three students attended Youth Day in Springfield along with the other ten participating students. Their winning applications were selected from a group of thirteen.

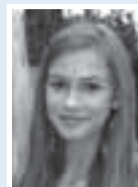
Garrett is home-schooled by his mother and will be a senior in the fall. Emily Hartmann will be a senior at Freeburg High School in the fall. Emily Johansson will be a senior at Belleville West High School this fall.

All three students are very active with school and extracurricular activities.

The Youth to Washington trip is scheduled for June 13 – 20 and is an all-expense paid tour of Washington, D.C. This tour has been a nationwide tradition of the electric cooperatives since 1957.

We congratulate all three winners!

Emily Hartmann ▶



◀ Emily Johansson

Garrett Kapelski ▶



Tip of the Month

Make sure to have your home's HVAC system serviced yearly to ensure it works in top condition, whether you want cooling or heating. Remember, it's always best to plan ahead, rather than wait for a service repair visit on the hottest day of the year.

MCEC Line Outages - April 2014

Time Off	Duration	# Out	Location	Cause Desc	Sub
04/02/14	1:10	920	Smithton Area	Power Supplier	Smithton
04/02/14	1:38	777	New Athens	Power Supplier	New Athens
04/03/14	0:12	6	Quarry Rd	Lightning	Poe
04/03/14	0:51	35	Brand Lake Dr	Lightning	Poe
04/03/14	1:42	46	Ronnie Dr	Trees, Other	Waterloo
04/03/14	0:50	7	Baum Rd	Lightning	Waterloo
04/04/14	5:43	17	Nollmann Rd	Trees, Other	Millstadt
04/07/14	0:51	46	Ronnie Dr	Trees, Other	Waterloo
04/18/14	1:48	27	Gillmore Lake Estates	Vehicles Or Machinery	N. Waterloo
04/27/14	0:50	10	Woodpecker Ln	Small Animals Or Birds	Waterloo
04/28/14	2:04	9	Hoffmann Ln	Lightning	Fults
04/29/14	2:01	19	Grant Rd	Vehicles Or Machinery	Fults

Help us control summer energy costs

You may wonder, “Why does an electric utility want me to reduce my consumption?”

The answer is that Monroe County Electric Cooperative is different because we are a cooperative, owned by the members. Our goal is to provide reliable power at the best value for all our members with an eye on the future. Three major factors affect the price of electricity: the price of fuel needed to generate power, the cost to comply with environmental regulations and the demand for power. You have the power to help keep our rates affordable by simply shifting the timing of your power use over the summer.

Consider powering down by shifting any flexible energy use outside of the time window from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays from June through August. These are the peak energy demand hours in our region in the summer. That means they are the hours that most tax our resources that generate our electricity, making it more expensive for them

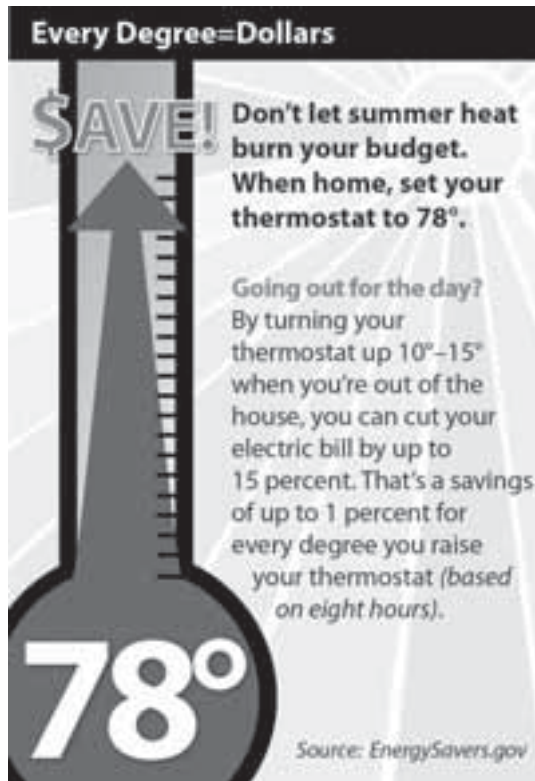
to provide for the higher energy demand.

Any energy use you can move outside of 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on summer weekdays cuts our total use during peak pricing hours and helps to keep our rates affordable. You can power down by following

these guidelines:

- Run appliances like clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers and other electric devices before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Delay using hot water until after 7 p.m. so that your water heater recharges after the peak times.
- Set the thermostat on your air conditioning equipment or heat pump up three degrees during the peak time. Use ceiling fans and close drapes to help the air conditioner even more.
- Turn off any unneeded lights and electronics (turn electronics off at the surge strip when possible).
- Delay television watching and computer battery charging until after 7 p.m.

We hope you will decide to make a few small changes in energy habits to contribute to savings for yourself and Monroe County Electric Cooperative's entire community... Together We Save!



UNLOADING OUR SECOND FRIDGE HELPED US STOCK UP ON GROCERIES.

That old, empty beast was costing us money on our electric bill, so we kicked it to the curb for recycling. Find out what you can do at TogetherWeSave.com.

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