



Rate Increases to be discussed at Area Member Meetings



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Across The President's Desk

Our annual area member meetings have been scheduled for four locations in the cooperative service territory during November. These meetings will give you an opportunity to learn about your cooperative, visit with cooperative personnel, friends and neighbors.

At the area meetings we will bring you up to date on cooperative activities and operations. Projected rate increases for 2012 will be discussed

at the meeting. We will set aside a few minutes to answer questions you may have concerning your cooperative.

Each membership attending these meetings will receive a \$5 credit on their December 1 electric bills and also a 2012 Saturday Evening Post

Calendar. Refreshments and a time to visit will close the event.

A post card will be mailed with your bill to each member announcing the meeting locations. We hope that you can attend one of the four meetings listed below:

2011 Area Meetings – Dates and Locations

(All meetings begin at 7 p.m.)

Monday	November 7th	Millstadt VFW, Millstadt
Thursday	November 10th	St. John United Church of Christ Hall, Maeystown
Monday	November 14th	Monroe County Fairgrounds Hall, Waterloo
Thursday	November 17th	Hecker Community Center, Hecker

Our office will be closed Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day and November 24-25 for Thanksgiving.



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HUNTING
WITH A
CAULK GUN.**



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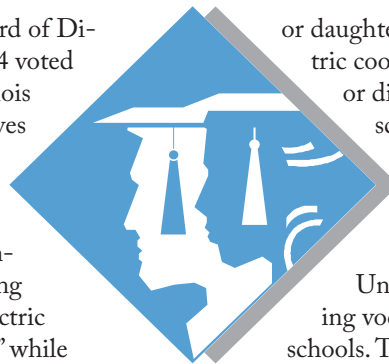
2012 Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Program

The AIEC Board of Directors in 1994 voted to establish an Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Fund is designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family,” while also providing a means for co-ops and individuals to honor deceased members of the co-op family through memorial gifts. The “driving force” behind the fund’s creation was Thomas H. Moore, Executive Vice President and General Manager of the AIEC from 1961 to 1994. The AIEC Board voted to rename the scholarship program to honor Mr. Moore following his passing in 2008.

The scholarship program prospered under the leadership of Earl W. Struck, who succeeded Mr. Moore and served as President/CEO of the AIEC from 1994 to 2006. Mr. Struck passed away in August 2007. The AIEC Board of Directors that month voted to honor Mr. Struck’s memory by naming the annual scholarship awarded to the son or daughter of an electric cooperative employee or director the “Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship.”

The Illinois Community College System Foundation (ICCSF) administers the Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund. Eight scholarships a year are awarded.

Four scholarships a year are awarded to students who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member. An additional scholarship (the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship) is awarded to a student who is the son



or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. These five scholarships can be used at any two-year or four-year accredited college or university in the United States, including vocational/technical schools. The sixth and seventh scholarships are awarded for use at an Illinois community college, and sons and daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees and directors are all eligible.

The above seven scholarships are for \$1,250 each and are not renewable. Applicants must be high school seniors and apply through their local electric cooperative. The deadline for submitting completed applications to the local electric cooperative is December 31st of this year.

A new eighth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” will be awarded for the second time in 2012. This \$1,250 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the AIEC in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill. LaVern McEntire served as a lineman for McDonough Power Electric Cooperative from 1949 until 1991. He and his wife, Nola, helped to endow and establish the new scholarship to financially assist deserving individuals in becoming trained lineworkers. Sons and daughters of co-op members, as well as relatives of co-op employees or directors are eligible for the lineworker’s scholarship, as are individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

Handle power safely

Power tools in the workplace: Make sure they're used safely



A tool as simple as a screwdriver can cause injury if it's used incorrectly. When you're talking about power tools such as drills or chainsaws, the potential hazards multiply. Keep your workforce safe by making sure employees follow these basic precautions:

■ **Train thoroughly.** Anyone working with a power tool should be properly trained in its

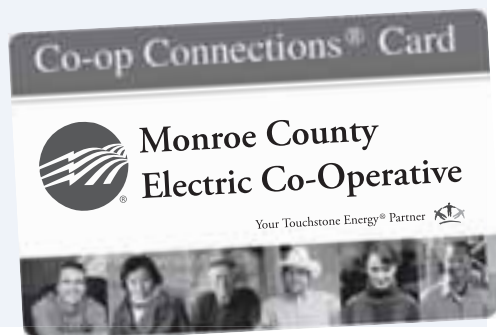
use before picking it up on the job. Take the time to familiarize employees, and yourself, on safe handling.

- **Dress appropriately.** Gloves, protective goggles, and other equipment may be needed to ensure safety. Keep them accessible and require their use. Replace them as necessary.

- **Check tools before use.** Examine the equipment before turning it on. Are cords frayed? Are safety shields secure? Be on the lookout for any defects that might cause an injury.
- **Clear the area.** Your workspace should be uncluttered and free of distractions. Watch for cords that might trip you or another employee. Be aware of people nearby who might interrupt you or accidentally walk into danger.
- **Pay attention.** While using the tool, keep your eyes and your mind on the work. A second's inattention can lead to an injury.
- **Store tools properly.** Don't leave a drill or power saw lying around when no one is using it. Keep tools safe and secure, locked up if necessary, and maintain them so they continue to operate within safety parameters.
- **Keep first aid handy.** Even if you never need them, stock bandages, disinfectant, and other basic first-aid supplies where they'll be easy to find in case of an accident.

Co-op Connections Card Saving Members \$\$\$

Monroe County Electric Cooperative members saved over 43% on prescriptions in 2011 so far, as of August using the Co-op Connections card. There were a total of 177 prescriptions filled for a total savings of \$5,824.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends
on November 6th**



It's Their Day

Veterans Day. Is it a day off from work or a day to remember those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom? Our soldiers are fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. This Veterans Day, honor them with the respect they deserve.

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MCEC Line Outages - September 2011

Time Off	Duration	# Out	Location	Cause Desc	Sub
09/14/11	1:24	14	Merrimac Rd	Lightning	Fountain
09/14/11	1:44	744	New Athens, Hecker Areas	Generation & Transmission	New Athens
09/14/11	1:43	891	Smithton Area	Generation & Transmission	Smithton
09/15/11	0:45	12	State Route 156	Equipment	New Athens
09/15/11	1:08	17	M Rd	Equipment	Poe

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