

Clay ELECTRIC News

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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From the Manager

It's that time of year again. The hottest month of the year is upon us. Kids are going back to school. And, Clay Electric (CECI) is having its 73rd annual meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to invite all of you to attend.

Fortunately, this year we will once again be inside the Oil Belt Christian Service camp's new facility. Like always, you will get the chance to vote on issues for your cooperative.

After all, it is YOUR cooperative.

It never ceases to surprise me when I have conversations with members who have not heard the cooperative story. It is my fervent wish to educate everyone about the rich history of cooperatives, in particular Clay Electric. How great is it that we get to be part of an organization that does not set profit above service? We make just enough margins to cover operating costs, and then the rest gets credited back to you, the members, in the form of capital credits.

I am proud to say, last year we retired nearly \$200,000 in capital credits in refunds to the membership. This year, we are on track to retire another \$170,000!

Your board has worked very diligently to ensure the cooperative is in a sound financial condition, so these types of refunds can continue well into the future.

We are on track to get caught up with capital credit retirements and get your money back to you, but we need your help. In this issue of Illinois Country Living, you will find a list of unclaimed capital credits. If you see someone on the list that you know, please tell them to contact the office. That way, we can get their refund to them.

This year, your cooperative has been very busy with multiple projects. I have heard from many of you regarding the effectiveness of the new tree trimming program. I want to thank you for giving such positive feedback! Strategically, reliable power, with fewer blinks and outages, has always been the goal of your cooperative. The addition of two full-time line clearance personnel has definitely had an impact upon that goal. I plan to continue with the tree trimming program, working toward a five-year rotation on the system. In that way,

I hope to continue to have great impact upon outages and blinks caused by trees.

Additionally, your linemen have been hard at work rebuilding older pieces of the distribution system. They do a great job and work conscientiously toward the goal of building a more reliable electric grid.

I know all of the employees at CECI put the membership foremost in their minds. This isn't just a job, it's a great place to work.

So, come on out to your 73rd annual meeting and enjoy a meal with us. We want to see you so much, we will even pay you to come! Every member in attendance gets a \$10 bill credit (one per membership) and the chance to win even larger amounts in our prize drawings.

I can't wait to see you there.



Ed VanHoose
Manager



**Be sure to plan on attending
your Annual Meeting on August 24.**

Registration and meal begins at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

All events will be held at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp.

Check out page 11 for a full listing of events.

Updated 2017 Unclaimed/ Undeliverable Capital Credit List

Adams, Ed	Burgess, Bob	Fehrenbacher, Delmar	Higgason, A W
Adams, J L	Burkett, Fred	Feller, Delores	Hilderbrand, Leola
Allphin, Harvey	Burkett, A W	Fender, Lena	Hillyer, Eugene J
Anderson, Paul	Burkett, Eber C	Ferguson, Jerry L	Hoard, Vivian
Andrews, Wilborn J	Burkett, Loyal E	Fields, Kate	Hockman, Roscoe
Andrews, E S	Burkett, Mildred	Fisher, Lee	Holman, Asa C
Arnold , Lyle	Burkett, Darwin	Fitzgerald, Alonzo	Holstrum, Ruth J
Asher, Clyde C	Butler, Donald	Fitzjarrald, Donald W	Holt, Anna B
Ashton, Olin	Cailteux, William	Foley, J A	Hough, Vera M
Atchason, Roy	Cameron, Glen	Foster, Omer	Howard, Theo V
Backs, Norman E	Cannon, Donald	Franklin, Roger	Huddleston, E B
Bailey, Ervin	Cantrell, W R	Frazier, Richard	Hurt, Frank L
Bailey, Roland E	Cantrell, Lyman	Freeman, J H	Iffert, Rosa
Baker, Kenneth W	Cantrell, F W	Frutiger, Arthur	Inboden, Forest
Bandy, Wesley	Colborn, W A	Fugate, Charles	Jackson, Clarence
Barnes, William A	Colborn, W L	Fulk, Bertha M	Johnson, Ina
Barrett, Glenn F	Colborn, Claude	Gaskin, Roy	Johnson, Guy L
Bartels, Dorothy	Colborn, George T	Goff, Lyman	Johnson, C C
Bateman, Loy	Colclasure, L J	Goings, C E	Johnson & Snyder,
Baugh, Hervy	Colclasure, Martha	Golden, Laura	Johnston, Wilbur
Beard, Verl	Coleman, Elsie E	Goslee, Russell W	Jones, David
Beccue, Ernest C	Colson, Henry	Gould, Ronald R	Jones, Chester
Bennett, Lee	Colvin, E E	Gragert, Albert	Jorgenson, Ruth
Bible, Cecil	Cook , Della	Griffin, Carlis	K K Construction Co,
Bible Grove Lumber,	Cooley, Larry G	Griffith, Larry L	Kelley, Robert C
Bishop, Audrey	Corry, Earl	Griffith, Nellie	Keyser, Trella R
Blackwell, Stella	Corry, Howard W	Griffith, Jimmie L	Kimpling, Kenneth
Blackwell, Robert L	Cosner, Rolla	Griffy, Delbert	Kinden, Lee
Blair, V A	Cotterell, Freda	Gumbel, Harvey	Koons, C E
Bloemker, Blanche	Cox, Douglas	Gumble, Herman	Koontz, S J
Booker, Harold	Crain, Melvin	Hadden, Ira	Krutsinger, Eugene
Borton, Betty	Crouse, John R	Hagen, Lowell	Krutsinger, Ross
Brackett, Parker	Crouse, George	Hale, Gilbert E	Kuhlig, William
Braden, Lyman S	Dailey, Arthur W	Hale, Levi	Kuhlig, Ralph
Brandt, Leroy H	Dally, Lora	Halfacre, Chester	Kuentler , Lorraine
Branom, Donald J	Daugherty, Isom	Hall, Eva	Lake, Hallie
Branson, Myrna	Daugherty, Don	Hamilton, Edward	Landreth, Paul
Bratton, Olan L	Daugherty, Henry	Hankins, Tom	Laughton, Vida
Britton, Wanda	Davis, Alex	Harper, Elmer	Lawson, Fred J
Brooks, Marvin	Delozier, Norva	Harrell, Ralph	Leach, Merl
Brown, Milton	Devore, Deon	Harrell, John R	Leonberger, Grover C
Brown, Pearl	Dickerson, Gaylen	Hasler, Owen	Levitt, S H
Brown, Lawrence	Dow , Ella	Hasler, Clarence	Lewis, Virgil
Brown, James E	Eagleton, Harry	Hasler, Beatrice	Lewis, Valla
Brugger, Vera	Edwards, Dewey	Hatchett, Clarence	Lewis, Elsie M
Bryan, Ella	Elkin, R R	Hays, Simon	Lewis, Donald E
Bryan, Norva C	Ellis, Pearl	Henderson, Arthur	Lincoln, Clarence
Bryan, M A	Enyart, Minnie	Henderson, Charles R	Livengood, M L
Bryan, John Jr	Erwin, Paul	Henke, John	Logan, Arlie
Buerster, Manuel	Eveland, James	Henson, Lyle	Lowe, John
Bullard, Evelyn	Farmer, T F	Henson, Marshal M	Lowe, Nada
Bumgarner, Clyde	Farrell, Harold H	Henson, Chester	Lucas, Lula M
Burge, E L	Fatheree, Rosa L	Herrick, Ralph	Luttrell, Opal

Lutz, Vera
 Lybarger, Roy
 Lybarger, Opal
 Mangum, C D
 Mann, R W
 Markum, Harold J
 Masters, W H
 Maxwell, Cora
 Mcculley, A C
 Mccullough, Harold
 Mcdowell, Jack
 Mcelyea, George
 Mcelyea, Floyd
 McGraw, Byron H Jr
 McGrew, Dwight
 McGrew, Dewey
 Mckinney, Mike
 Meek, Robert
 Mefford, Anna
 Melton, R E
 Miller, Arnold
 Miller, Vivian
 Miller, Charles S
 Mills, Maxine
 Millsap, Jimmy
 Mitchel, Lizzie
 Mitchell, T E
 Mitchell, Eunice
 Monical, Herschel
 Montgomery, Viola
 Montgomery, Tolbert
 Moore, Nelson
 Mulvaney, Mabel
 Mulvaney, Fred
 Mulvany, Oren R
 Mulvany, Ollie
 Mundell, Nellie
 Murphy, James T
 Murphy, Leon
 Murray, Henry
 Myers, Herbert E
 Negley, Robert
 Newman, George B
 Newton, J L
 Noll, Adam
 Olivier, Edward C
 Park, Edward G


Parker, Ronald L
 Parks, Billy
 Payne, Charleen
 Payne, Ethel
 Persinger, Harold
 Phillips, Robert
 Phillips, Earl H
 Phillips, Mary
 Pickel, Helen
 Pickel, Cleone
 Pointer, Farrell
 Poling, Dewey
 Poppen, Albert
 Porter, Wilford
 Porter, Inez
 Porter, John
 Powless, Floyd Jr
 Prather, Delmer
 Prather, Emma
 Pruitt, Arthur
 Pursell, Nelson
 Ramsey, Everett
 Randall, John
 Randolph, Robert J
 Ranes, Robert D
 Rauwolf, A P
 Reed, N J
 Reynolds, H H
 Ricketts, William
 Rinehart, Beulah
 Rinnert, Frank
 Robbins, Sam
 Robinson, Willie D
 Robinson, Dean
 Robison, Harold
 Rodgers, E D
 Romine, Mabel J
 Rowark, Ben
 Ruckman, Chester
 Rudolphi, Rosalia
 Rusk, Dennie M
 Sapp, Vern
 Scherer, Everett
 Schofield, H E
 Scholz, E H
 Shaffer, Harold
 Shields, Bertha

Shirk & Webster,
 Shirrell, James J
 Sichling, W A
 Simmons, Charlie
 Sinclair, Roy
 Skinner, Ralph
 Sloan, Arthur
 Smith, Don W
 Smith, Raymond
 Smith, Imogene
 Smith, Squire G
 Smith, Geneva M
 Smith, Marion
 Smith, Ruby H
 Smith, Loren E
 Smith, Roscoe
 Snell, Bill
 Snyder, Minerva
 Snyder, Ralph
 Soltwedel, Kenneth
 Soper, Lois B
 Spencer, Ray D
 Stanford, W L
 Stanford, Robert H
 Stanley, Elizabeth
 Stanley, Carl
 Stanley, Albert
 Stock, Donna
 Stoops, Ivan
 Stoops, Pearl
 Stover, Ray
 Sullens, Don
 Talley, Noble
 Talley, Frank
 Taylor, Glen E
 Taylor, Irene
 Taylor,
 Raymond W
 Taylor,
 Nathaniel
 Taylor, Helen
 Thacker, Paul
 Thilk, Frances
 M
 Thomas, John
 Thomas, Evelyn
 Thomas, Lowell

Thompson, Gaylon E
 Thompson, Andrew
 Thompson, Thomas
 Tolliver, George
 Tolliver, Ronald A
 Tomblison, Joe
 Towns, Gene E
 Traub, Alma A
 Tully, Pansy
 Tyner, Thelma
 Vanmatre, James E
 Vansickle, Artie
 Vaultonberg, Lowell W
 Verdeyen, Albert
 Wagley, Birch
 Walker, Carl
 Walker, Katie
 Walker, Nellie
 Walthers, Harvey
 Wease, John A
 Weaverest, Glen A
 Weir, Grace
 Welton, Harold
 Williams, Blaine
 Willis, Claud
 Wimberly, Charles L
 Winters, Mayme K
 Winters, Frank
 Workman, John
 Young, Orville
 Young, Beatrice
 Young Chapel Church,
 Zehner, Calvin L
 Zinke, Opal,

In order to process refunds for capital credit accounts, Clay Electric Co-operative is attempting to contact members, or their heirs, that received electric service during the years 1958 – 1961. Please go to this link <http://www.ceci.coop/content/unclaimed-capital-credits> to view the entire list of unclaimed refunds. If you recognize a name on the list, please let the person know they are due a refund.

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Youth to Washington Tour

Millie Beland of Flora, Lily Burkett of Flora, Madison Healy of Mason and Lucas Rauch of Ingraham represented Clay Electric Co-operative in Washington, D.C. during the annual “Youth to Washington” Tour, June 9-16. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction to our democratic form of government and cooperatives for rural youth. Luke Johnson, operations manager at Clay Electric, and his wife Jeana were chaperones on the trip.

The students met with Congressman John Shimkus, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, and were among 69 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,730 young leaders from across the country, a record high for the “Youth to Washington” Tour. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents

Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the National Archives, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the Newseum, and several other historical sites.

Juniors in high schools that are within the service area of Clay Electric Co-operative are eligible to participate in the annual program. To learn more about the “Youth to Washington” Tour go to www.youthtour.coop or www.facebook.com/ILYouthtoWashington.



Pictured from left: Luke Johnson, Lucas Rauch, Lily Burkett, Millie Beland, Madison Healy and Jeana Johnson.



Clay Electric Co-operative office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 to celebrate Labor Day.