

# NEWS, NOTES & VIEWS 07/17



## INTERNING AT THE CO-OP

Co-op interns Ethan Hart and Isaac "Ike" Richard working with line crews near Pearl.

Each summer, the co-op hires college interns to work on different projects. All of our interns are either family of cooperative members or former CEO program students. Some are both. This summer we have nine interns joining us from all over the service territory, working in the office or with line and internet crews.

Intern Isaac "Ike" Richard is working with line crews, learning the nuances of the linemans' daily tasks. A Perry resident, Ike is currently attending Lincoln Land Community College. Ethan Hart, a Barry resident and John Wood Community College student, is also working alongside line crews in the field this summer.



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Sam Killday works with internet crews provisioning wireless internet units.

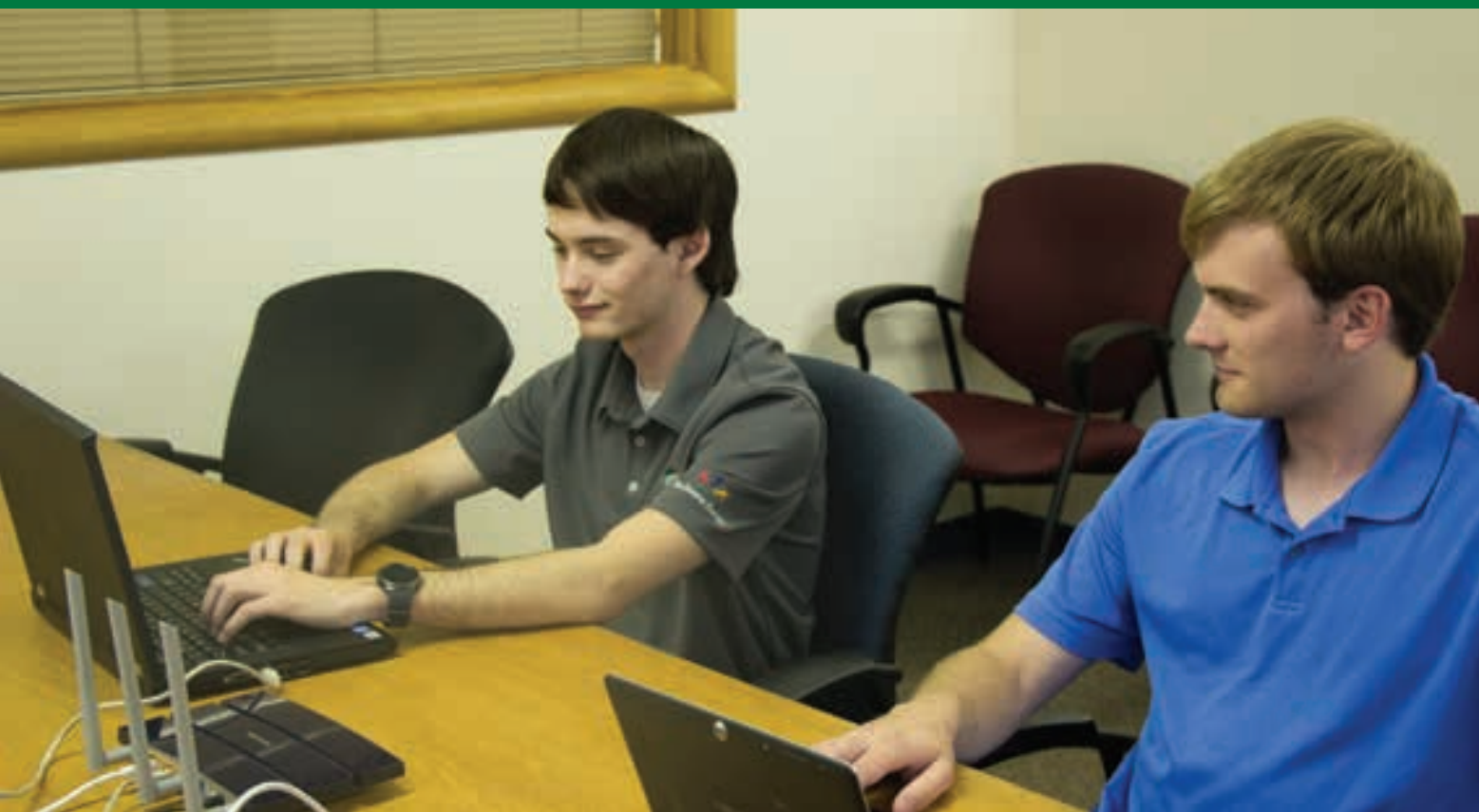
Other interns spend their time working at the co-op office. Elly Crawford, a former Morgan-Scott CEO student and current Maryville College student, is working with member services. Kara Tepen of Carrollton, also attending Maryville College, and Kortni Kemper, of Winchester, are also working at the office with member services. Kortni attends Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. All three are learning the ins and outs of the co-op's day-to-day communication with members. Second-year intern Tyler Devlin from Bluffs, a student at Illinois College, is working alongside our accountant as well helping train first year interns.

Sam Killday, Jacob Grubb, and Andy Talkemeyer are all working within the internet department and are former Morgan-Scott CEO students. Sam is from Winchester and is attending Illinois College. Jacob, also from Winchester, attends Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. Andy lives in Arenzville and attends University of Illinois at Springfield.



Tyler Devlin assists in training first year interns.

Hiring interns makes a positive impact on these students and their families. When hiring interns, we are careful to ensure they have real work to complete and that they learn a great deal on the job. Employees work to mentor the interns, as some employees were former interns for the co-op themselves. Our hope is that they will walk away from their internships with hands-on experience and skills they can use in their future jobs.



Kara Tepen, Kortni Kemper, and Elly Crawford in the co-op office (top). Andy Talkemeyer and Jacob Grubb setting up a router at the co-op office (bottom).

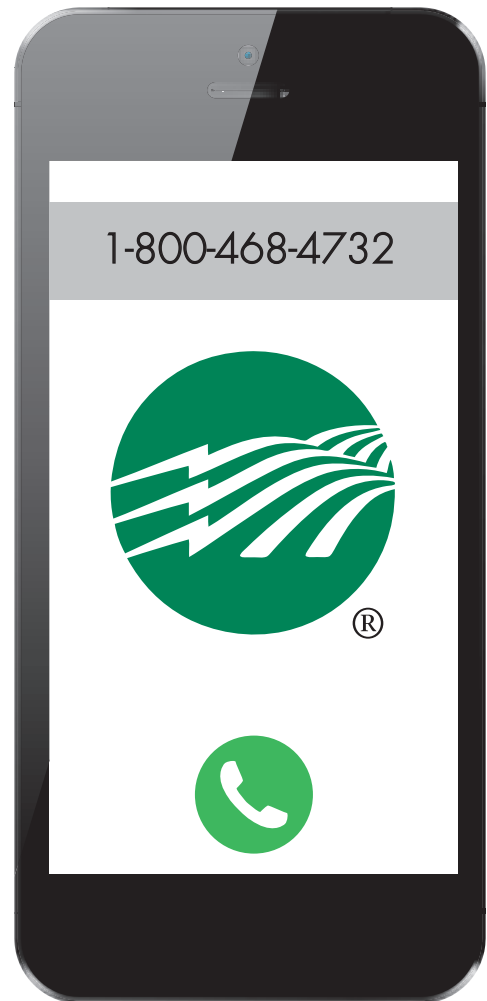
## Make Sure Your Phone Number Is Up-to-Date

Over the years, many members have done away with their landline telephones. Due to this, the co-op is sometimes unable to reach members without a current phone number in our system.

We ask that if you have changed your primary phone number or have a cell phone number that would be better to contact you through, please notify us.

It is important to have a current number in our system so that we are able to reach you in the case of emergency.

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