

# MONROE ELECTRIC NEWS

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## POWER FOR THE GENERATIONS



### Come join us for our **81<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Saturday, June 8, 2019

#### **MONROE COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE HEADQUARTERS**



Registration and breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast served by Chris Cakes includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and orange juice.

Children's activities begin at 7:30 a.m.

Bounce houses open at 8:30 a.m.

Business meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Scholarship and Cash prize drawings follow business meeting.  
Members must be present to win.

**ALL REGISTERED MEMBERS WILL  
RECEIVE A \$20 BILL CREDIT  
ON THEIR JULY BILLS**

# Ten students enjoy Youth Day in Springfield

State Senators Paul Schimpf and Christopher Belt and Representative Jerry Costello met with students representing Monroe County Electric Co-Operative, Inc. during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day in Springfield on Wednesday, April 3. Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. More than 235 students representing 23 co-ops from across the state attended the event.

Students had the opportunity to visit the State Capitol, view state government in action from the Senate floor and question their legislators on

key issues. They were also invited into the office of Secretary of State Jesse White.

During lunch, State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs addressed students and chaperones and encouraged them to find where their passion lies. Frerichs said, "It doesn't matter what you do if you love what you are doing. Find your own path. There may be times when you start down a path and diverge from it but listen to your heart. Sometimes you have to immerse yourself in something and possibly fail. Even when we don't win, we learn from the experience."

Collin Moseley, the 2018-19 Illinois Youth Leadership Council representative from Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc., reflected on the past year and the experiences he had on the Youth to Washington tour and his opportunity to represent Illinois at various meetings. He encouraged everyone going on the 2019 Youth to Washington Tour to apply to represent Illinois as the YLC and not be afraid to connect with others on the trip.

After lunch, the students visited the Old State Capitol and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.



# Meet the Employees



**Shirley Reinhold**  
Office Administration  
Coordinator

**Tell us about yourself:**

*I've been married for 37 years. I have a daughter, a son, two granddaughters and two grandsons. I've been showing and breeding Great Danes for 30 years.*

**If I could have any meal to eat, it would include:**

*VERY rare steak, baked potato with butter only, steamed broccoli, salad with ranch dressing and a yeast roll.*



**When I was a child, I wanted to be:**

*In grade school, I wanted to be a veterinarian. In high school, I wanted to work in an office.*

**Describe the best vacation you ever took:**

*I went to Florida with my family. We played on the beach, went to Disney World, Sea World, Universal Studios, enjoyed parasailing, swam in the pool and the ocean, relaxed by reading next to the pool, played miniature golf, and enjoyed the sun.*

**Do you have a collection of something?**

*I have been collecting Pewter and Liadro Great Dane figurines for 30 years.*

**What was your favorite thing to play as a child?**

*I played tag and hide & seek with my sister, brother and cousins.*

**What do you see yourself doing after you retire?**

*I would love to wake up on my own without the alarm, spend days relaxing and traveling.*

## MCEC Line Outages - April 2019

Date	Duration	# Out	Map Location	Cause Desc	Substation
4/8/2019	2:03	36	Clover Leaf School Rd	Trees, Other	East Carondelet
4/8/2019	1:26	23	Bluff Rd	Maintenance	Fountain
4/8/2019	3:31	209	Imbs Station Rd	Unknown	East Carondelet
4/14/2019	1:45	43	Wetzler Rd	Other, Deterioration	Fults
4/15/2019	0:44	4	Yaeger Rd	Other, Deterioration	Smithton
4/18/2019	0:44	9	Stemler Rd	Small Animals Or Birds	Millstadt
4/30/2019	3:42	3	Sportsman Rd	Trees, Other	Poe



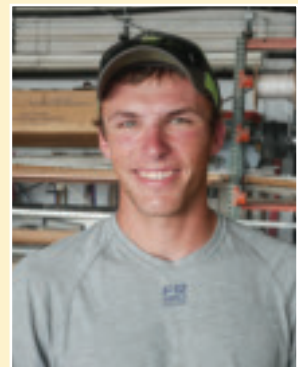
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7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Andrew Gotto is our new journeyman tree trimmer!

Apprentice Tree Trimmer Andrew Gotto has recently met all of the training and requirements to be promoted to journeyman tree trimmer! We congratulate Andrew on his accomplishment!





## Shed some light on lightning

According to the National Severe Storms Laboratory, lightning can strike in the same place twice (or pretty darn close), contrary to folk wisdom.

Also, according to the Storms Laboratory and the National Weather Service:

- It is not possible to have thunder without lightning; thunder is a direct result of lightning. However, it IS possible you might see lightning and not hear the thunder because it was too far away. Some people call this phenomenon “heat lightning” because it occurs most often in the summer.

- Lightning can occur within the thunderstorm cloud (intra-cloud lightning) or between the cloud and the ground (cloud-to-ground lightning).
- Lightning can have 100 million to 1 billion volts and contains billions of watts.
- When lightning travels down a tree trunk, its heat turns water to steam. If it gets under the bark into the surface moisture of the wood, the rapidly expanding steam can blast pieces of bark from the tree and the wood along the path is often killed.
- Lightning is hotter than the surface of the sun, and it can reach temperatures around 50,000 degrees F.

- People are struck by lightning in one of five ways: by a direct strike, by a side flash or from a streamer; or via ground current or conduction (metal). Metal does not attract lightning, but provides a path for the lightning to follow.

A thunderstorm is considered severe if it produces hail at least 1 inch in diameter or has wind gusts of at least 58 miles per hour, according to the American Red Cross. Heavy rain from thunderstorms can cause flash flooding and high winds can damage homes and blow down trees and utility poles, causing widespread power outages.

## Shocking Facts About Lightning

- There are 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes annually in the U.S.
- Every year, 300 Americans are struck by lightning.
- Of those struck, 30 are killed and others suffer lifelong disabilities.

*#StormSafety*

