

# NEWS, NOTES & VIEWS 12/16



## *Merry Christmas*

from everyone at Illinois Electric Co-op!

### Co-op to Retire \$827,500 In Capital Credits

**\$400,000 of that goes to  
current members!**

Current members will see credits totaling \$400,000 on their December bills. That's a portion of the capital credits they earned in 2015. The remaining retirements go to members for credits they earned in 1975 and part of the credits earned in 1976, to estates, to surviving spouses and to members who have moved away.

When the co-op's revenue for electric sales exceeds its costs, there's a margin. (In a for profit corporation, that would be a profit.) When there's a margin, it is allocated to members' capital credit accounts, and we maintain those accounts until the credits are retired with cash payments.



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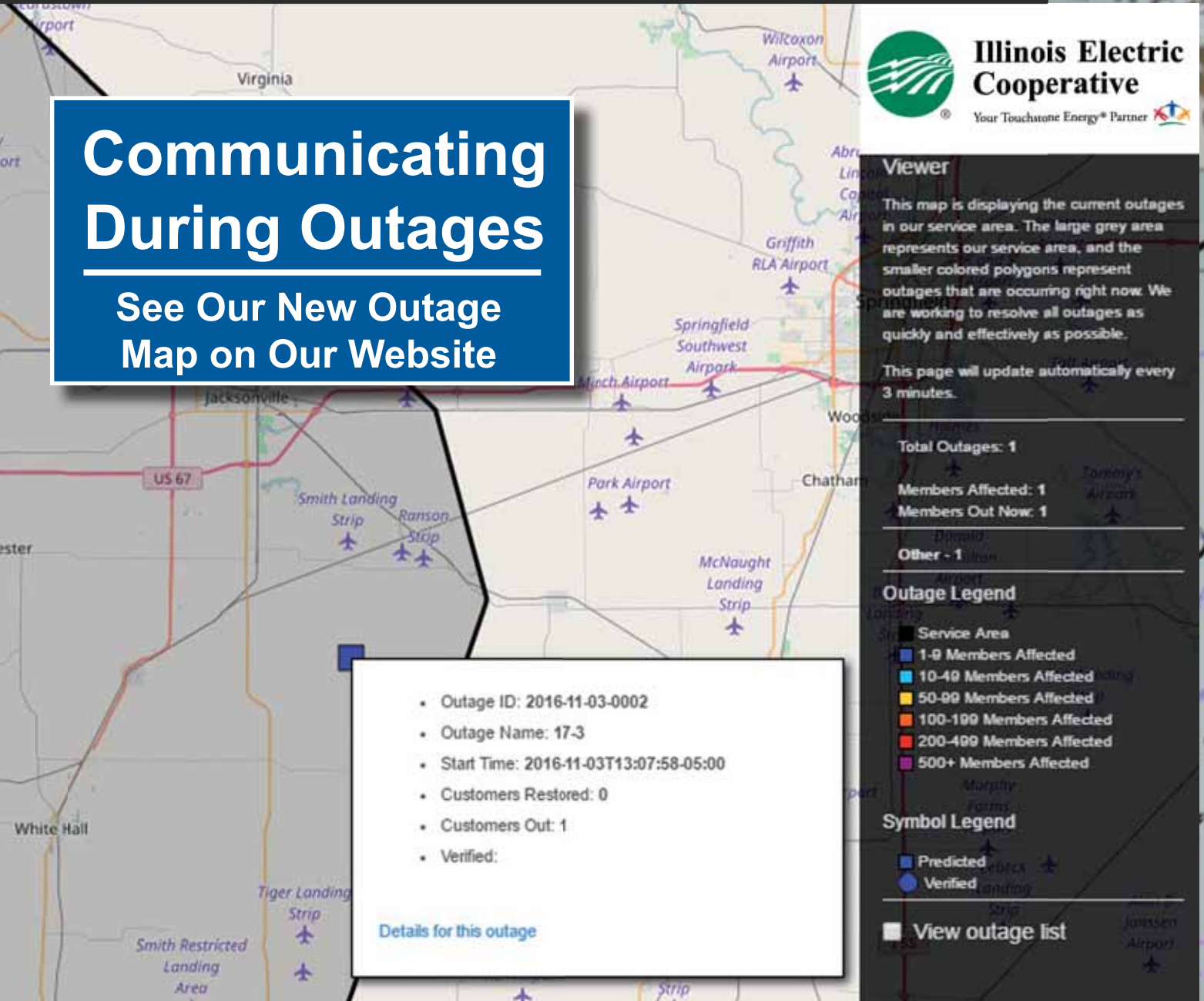
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# Communicating During Outages

## See Our New Outage Map on Our Website



A preview of the co-op's new outage map located on our website, [e-co-op.com](http://e-co-op.com).

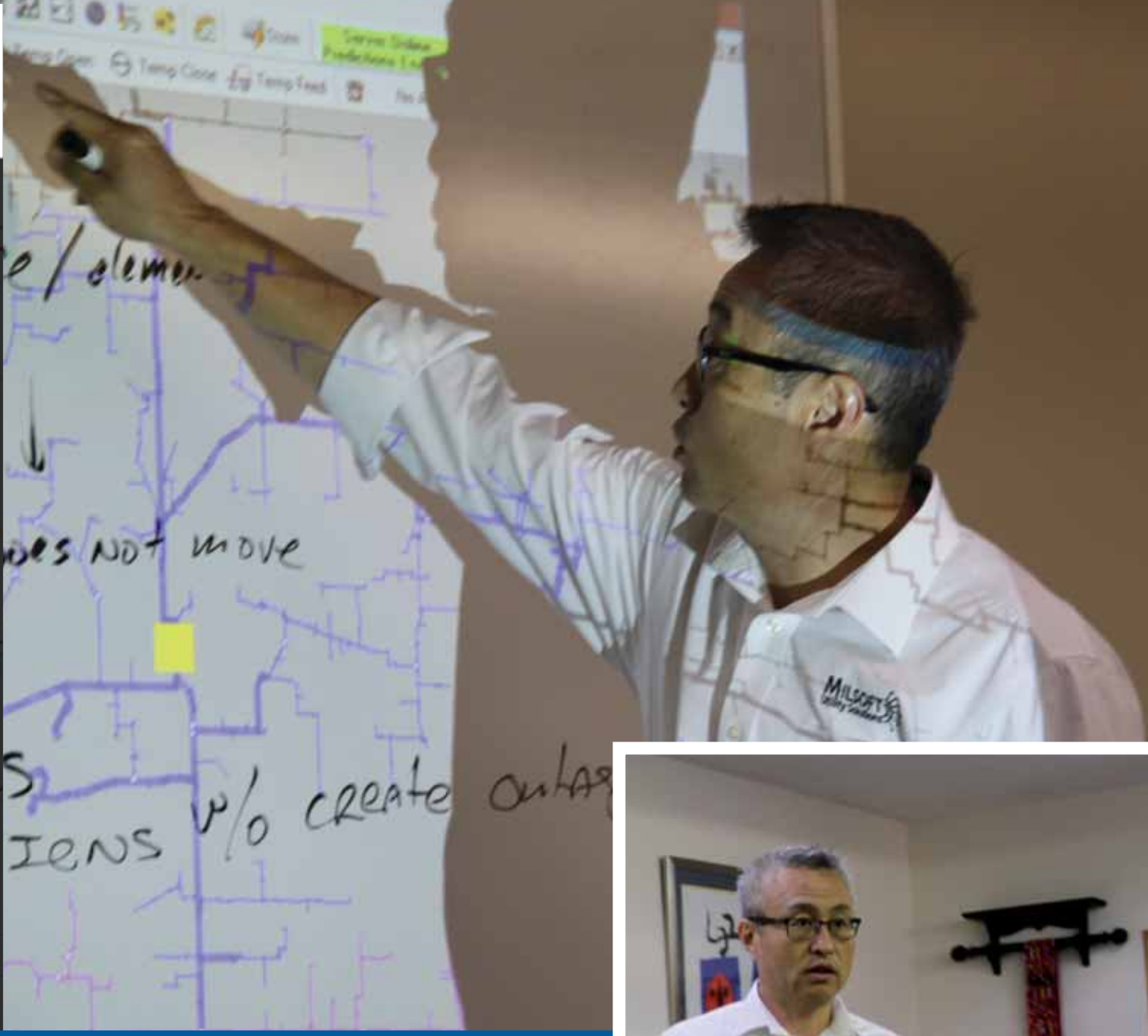
Outages are something that the co-op works very hard to prevent. Though when outages occur, communication between the co-op and members is critical. The new outage map located on our website will improve this communication.

Recently, the co-op upgraded our outage management system. The new system will help us better notify members of outages. The map shows current outages as well as predicted outages. Predicted outages are based on data from our automatic meter reading system as well as received phone calls from members reporting outages.

The new outage management system will also enable us to streamline internal operations better. Randy Long, manager of operations, will be able to dispatch crews more efficiently in times of outages.

Two other benefits of the new map are that it is mobile-friendly for smartphones and it refreshes more often. This gives members more up-to-date outage information. As with any major outages, we will continue to notify members on Facebook as well.

To see the new outage map, visit our website at [e-co-op.com](http://e-co-op.com) and click on Outage Map on the homepage.



Paul Easley with Milsoft Utility Solutions leads training on the new outage management software.



Co-op Network Analyst Matt Haverfield taking part in the outage management training.

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## **Attention High School Seniors:**

### **Ten 2017 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available**

Illinois Electric Cooperative has announced that the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in 2017 will award nine academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, a tenth scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will also be offered. The total of ten scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2017 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Five scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A sixth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. Three additional scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.



The tenth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” was awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$2,000 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees or directors; and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for the lineworker’s scholarship.

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Ashley Graham at 217-243-8705. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is also available for download at the cooperative’s website at [e-co-op.com](http://e-co-op.com).

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