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Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

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Cooperatives serve 42 million people in 48 states.

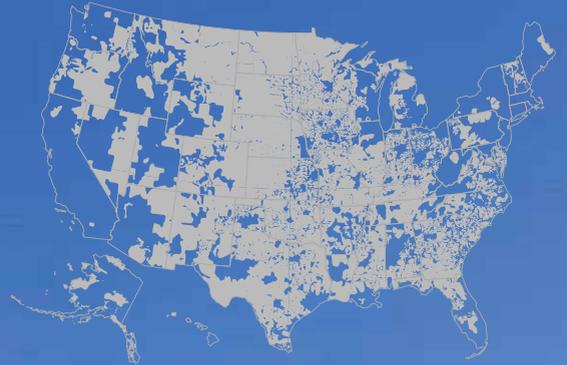
Co-ops power over 21.5 million businesses, homes and farms.

Co-ops returned more than \$1.4 billion in capital credits in 2021.

832 distribution cooperatives are in the cooperative network.

NRECA Co-ops 101 — April 13, 2023

Co-ops power 56% of the U.S. landmass.



RECC line crew replaces a 60-foot transmission pole near Taylorville. Hayden Jacobs is on the pole and Drayton Davis is inside the bucket. On the ground are Hunter Gerlick, Andrew Boston, and Zane Thixton.

RECC Directors attend Lobby Day at State Capitol



More than 60 co-op directors and CEOs from 24 Illinois cooperatives gathered in Springfield to share their memberships' concerns with their elected officials



Sean Middleton, Chris Wilcox, Senator Jil Tracy, Cassie Eigenmann, Garry Niemeyer and Julie Waghorn



Garry Niemeyer, Cassie Eigenmann, Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer, Sean Middleton, Chris Wilcox, MJM's Eric Cooper and Julie Waghorn

Director Anniversaries



10
YEARS

Andy Coleman
District #7



25
YEARS

Cassie Eigenmann
District #9



30
YEARS

Melvin Repscher
District #6

Statewide scholarship awarded to local student



Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative is proud to announce that Erik Keeton of Waverly High School is one of 14 winners of this year's Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship. He is the child of Jill Keeton of Waverly, who is a member of our cooperative. Erik competed for the scholarship with 292 other students from across the state. The \$2,000 awards are given each year to 14 children of electric co-op members, employees or directors. A 15th scholarship will be awarded to students interested in line-worker's college. Erik will be recognized during the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' annual meeting on Aug. 3, 2023, in Springfield.

Candidates were judged on grade-point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay demonstrating their knowledge of electric cooperatives.

Come this fall, Erik Keeton will attend Lincoln Land Community College. Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative is honored to have a scholarship recipient and is excited to see him represent our community.

Employee Anniversaries



Matt Evans
Journeyman Lineman



Nick Hays
Engineering Technician

Shane Norris
Journeyman Lineman



Shelley Barnes
Senior Member
Account Rep.



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Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative's 86th Annual Meeting was held at the Route 66 Drive-In on June 8, 2023. The event occurred too late for coverage to be included in this issue but will appear in the August center section of the Illinois Country Living magazine. Look for photos and updates on any of the cooperative's social media sites.

Three directors re-elected in 2023

Elections were held for three positions on the board of directors. Elected this year were Thomas Hart, Garry Niemeyer and Melvin Repscher. All three directors were re-elected to three-year terms and hold Board Certification and Leadership credentials.



Thomas Hart
District 4



Melvin Repscher
District 6



Garry Niemeyer
District 5

