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The co-op's web site, www.e-co-op.com, got more than a face lift last month. It moved to a new server and takes full advantage of current technology so your visit will be easier and more useful.

We've added some content and will keep adding material for you. Let us know if there's something you'd like to see there.

It's the best - and safest and fastest - place to pay your electric bill. You can get application forms for the co-op's 2% Energy Efficiency Loans.

You can do an online energy audit through the link to Touchstone. For major storms, e-co-op.com and our soon to be featured Twitter page, will be the central location for outage information.

Our webmaster is David Burget. His e-mail is david@e-co-op.com



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College Interns

College interns make up more than half of the twelve part-time and seasonal employees working at the cooperative.

College interns work in engineering, with the line crews, and in the office for both Internet consumers and electric members. At different times, they've undertaken special assignments like last summer's Helping Hands program or specific projects.



"We've really benefited," says Bruce Giffin, the co-op's general manager, "We've had and continue to have an outstanding complement of interns. They're exceptionally smart, and they help us a lot. "We make it a worthwhile work experience where they'll learn more, a lot more, than they'd learn at a most places – a fast food franchise, as an example. From here they go on to graduate school or jobs at leading firms in the area.

"I'm really proud of the way our senior staff members – Sean Middleton, Julie Day, Jenissa Ezard and Randy Long – have worked with them and, naturally, of the students, themselves."

The interns have come from Calhoun, Pike, Greene, Morgan and Scott Counties. Some work part-time year 'round, and some work during summers and vacations.

"None of the interns should have the expectations of full-time employment at the co-op." Bruce says, "I tell them that on day one, but once in a long while, it happens when we have specific needs that we know the intern can handle very well."

There are not now specific openings for interns, but college students who are finishing their first year or beyond can send letters of interest anytime to Bruce Giffin, P.O. Box 80, Winchester, Illinois 62694.

Clint Everetts is a freshman at Illinois College in Jacksonville. His parents Bruce and Lisa Everetts are co-op members in Scott County.



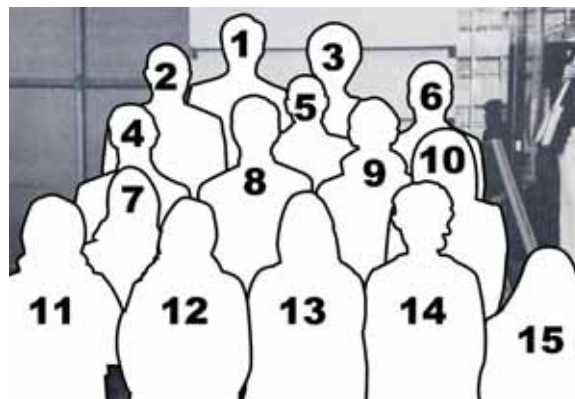
Covered Replacement

During the second week in March, the generator in the cooperative's wind turbine was replaced. It weighs in at ten tons and was hoisted into place - in the 234 foot high

nacelle - by a 300 ton crane. All of this was covered by the manufacturer's maintenance agreement at no additional cost to the co-op.

Who's Who is

Last month we ran "Who's Who?" featuring the picture below, from a Youth to Springfield trip in 1972. We received a few emails but still have some unknowns.



1. Rich Cedarwall, 2. William Hanback, 3. Unknown, 4. Jim Littig, 5. George Lindsey, 6. Jim Bettis, 7. Unknown, 8. Doug Sprague, 9. Alan Worrell, 10. Unknown, 11. Ann Webel Williamson, 12. Unknown, 13. Rita Albrecht Mackinson, 14. Carolyn White, 15. Unknown

"I was shocked to see my picture. I am front row, far left. At the time I was a junior at Perry High School and was so fortunate to be selected for the trip to Washington. As an educator, I have encouraged students to participate in all of the co-op activities."

"I remember the day and many experiences very well. Washington was a thrilling experience."

- Ann Webel Williamson

"I am the girl in the front row right in the middle. My name is Rita Mackinson. My maiden name is Albrecht. I was a sophomore at (Carrollton High School) the time and had written an essay for a contest with the Illinois Rural Electric Association."

- Rita Mackinson

Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 12

**Scott County Fairgrounds
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**9:00 AM Registration
Meeting at 10:00 AM**



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