

# JAMMUP

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## Capital Credits

When the Board of Directors determine it is financially feasible, SIEC will distribute money back to its members based on capital credits allocated to the members in the year marked for return. SIEC's last capital credit distribution was in 2011 for the partial usage year of 1984. The Board of Directors recently decided that a capital credit payment distribution of \$550,753.42 will take place later this year for the balance of the usage year of 1984. This is one of the many benefits and unique qualities of being a Co-op member.

To receive capital credits you must be a member and have electric service in your name. If your service is in someone else's name, capital credits will be assigned to that person. If your service is in the name of a deceased person, it would be helpful if you would contact the Co-op and have the service changed to your name. Please remember to provide us with your new address if you ever move off of our electric lines, so we can send you future capital credit checks.

### 2011 Capital Credit Allocations \$2,226,980.22

### 2011 Allocation Factor: .08664881

Margins from 2011 in the amount of \$2,226,980.22 have been allocated to members who received electric service from SIEC during 2011. The factor used for allocation is .08664881. To calculate your specific allocation, multiply the total amount you paid for electricity in 2011 (less state taxes) by the 2011 allocation factor. This is the total amount of capital credits earned and credited to your capital credit account. The 2011 distribution will take place in the future. Again, later this year we are distributing capital credits from the usage year of 1984...it will take several more years to catch up to 2011 usage year capital credit distribution.

#### *Example: SIEC fictitious residential member - John Doe*

- John Doe's total amount paid for electric service in 2011 (less state taxes) = \$1,772.17
- Multiply \$1,772.17 by the 2011 Allocation Factor .0866 = \$153.47
- John Doe will have \$153.47 allocated to his capital credit account for 2011

If you have questions about your capital credit allocation, please call Clara F. Perry at 1-800-762-1400.



**LABOR DAY** Southern's office will be closed  
Monday, Sept. 3, 2012  
for Labor Day

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# McAllister Attends Cooperative Youth Conference

Each year Southern Illinois University (SIU) offers a cooperative youth conference, co-sponsored by the Illinois Cooperative Council and SIU College of Agricultural Sciences. And each year, SIEC sponsors one member student to attend this educational conference. In 2011, Nina Mattingly of Anna-Jonesboro High School represented SIEC at the conference. This year, Austin McAllister of Shawnee High School was SIEC's student representative. The Southern Illinois Cooperative Youth Conference teaches students about the cooperative business model, the unique principles and benefits of a cooperative, as well as governance and operation.

Austin, son of Sabrina and Greg McAllister of Thebes, is a 17 year old student who is just beginning his senior year of high school. He is very active in Future Farmers of America



(FFA) and hopes to attend SIU and earn a teaching degree in agriculture. He is currently the FFA President at Shawnee High School, and is the first student in 16 years from Shawnee to earn a state degree in the Illinois FFA.

Austin states, "I enjoyed meeting so many people and learning about co-ops and the Seven Cooperative

Principles. Thank you SIEC for giving me this great opportunity!"

If you are a current junior or senior in high school and are interested in attending the 2013 Southern Illinois Cooperative Youth Conference (normally held for two consecutive days in early June), please contact Jerri Schaefer at 800-762-1400.

## Staying informed of major cooperative issues

There are certain times during the year where issues directly affecting our Cooperative, will directly affect our members. We currently have basic ways of reaching members, such as our monthly Illinois Country Living magazine center section, JAMUP; our website [www.siec.coop](http://www.siec.coop); our Facebook page; and news releases with our local radio stations and newspapers. But, some-

times we need to get urgent information to members as quickly as possible, when the issue is "hot"! Therefore, we are developing an email and text alert campaign so members can be notified immediately of issues such as outage restoration efforts during a major storm, legislation efforts directly affecting SIEC rates, billing changes, etc.

If you are interested in receiving a

limited number of emails, letters and/or texts, with information our General Manager feels necessary to share as an immediate form of communication, please fill out the form below and mail it back with your next electric bill payment, or mail it to Jerri Schaefer, SIEC, P. O. Box 100, Dongola, IL 62926, or email the required information to [siecadministration@siec.org](mailto:siecadministration@siec.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

SIEC Member Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you would rather be contacted through emails, letters or texting:

( ) Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Letter to Above Address

*Please mail completed form to Jerri Schaefer, SIEC, P. O. Box 100, Dongola, IL 62926 or email her the above information at [siecadministration@siec.org](mailto:siecadministration@siec.org).*



# Darn Hot Peppers/USDA visit

**D**ue to recent extreme temperatures and extensive drought damages, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Karis T. Gutter recently toured southern Illinois and visited with SIEC member and rancher Jerry Jimenez, owner of Darn Hot Peppers at Rancho Bella Vista in Cobden. On this tour, Gutter also visited a local beef producer, Delbert Craig of Goreville, and stopped by a cornfield in Grand Chain owned by Kevin Ulrich. To conclude his tour, Gutter participated in a roundtable discussion at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Union County with various agricultural organizations and representatives, listening to suggestions on how to better serve southern Illinois farmers and ranchers.

Jimenez and Gutter walked through the Rancho Bella Vista pepper field as Jimenez explained the damaging effects the drought has had on his farm, and he stressed the importance of a healthy crop and how it affects the sales at the local farmers' markets. Jimenez stated, "Southern Illinois farmers aren't farming for a hobby; we are doing this to pay our bills. This is our livelihood, and we have definitely been affected by this year's severe drought." *Ricky D. Teckenbrock*



## MEMBER SAFETY TIPS

### Billing Inserts

**I**n this month's electric bills for your August usage, you will find your second Member Safety Tips flyer of 2012. We strongly encourage you to read these quarterly flyers. This quarter, we are focusing on safe clearance of electric lines and the possible cost to you if proper clearance is not met, fall harvest, grain bins, and smoke alarms. These tips can save your lives... and your pocket book!

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**Justin Prewitt of Egyptian High School spent a day job shadowing with SIEC Utility Serviceman Lamar Houston.**

# Youth to Washington

Miss 2011 Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative Lindsey Carter of Jonesboro, Anna-Jonesboro High School student Kailey Denny of Buncombe, and Caledonia Christian Academy student Andrew Thurston of Pulaski represented Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative (SIEC) in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 15-22. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction to our democratic form of government and cooperatives for rural youth.



The students met with Congressman Jerry Costello and were among 75 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,500 young leaders from across the country. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum,

the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the National Archives, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

Pictured from left: Carter, Congressman Costello, Denny and Thurston. *William C. Hennessy*

To find out more about the tour go to [www.youthtour.coop](http://www.youthtour.coop) or [www.facebook.com/ILYouthtoWashington](http://www.facebook.com/ILYouthtoWashington).

For all 2012/2013 high school juniors in the SIEC service territory who are interested, two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded with the Youth Tour selection next year. Please look for more details this fall in SIEC publications, website and Facebook, or call Jerri at (800)-762-1400. Students can also speak to their high school guidance counselors for application details.

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**SIEC Annual Meeting Highlights**  
**...look for in the October issue of JAMUP!**

## Member prize

In this issue of the JAMUP, we printed the names of three SIEC members who are eligible to receive a \$10 credit toward their utility bill. If you find your name printed in this center section and it's not part of the story, call Jerri with your account number at **800-762-1400** to claim your prize.

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