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EnerStar Electric Cooperative

Annual Meeting of Members

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Full Breakfast - 7:30 to 9 a.m. • Business Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Paris High • 14040 E 1200th Road, Paris, IL 61944

It's annual meeting time, and we hope to see you there. There are many reasons to attend your co-op's annual meeting:

- ★ Socialize! Catch up with neighbors, family and friends you don't normally see.
- ★ Come hungry! We are serving a "full breakfast," catered by Roosters & Rumps (Marshall, IL)
- ★ Meet! Come by and say hi to the employees who make your electric co-op run. Put a face with a name and meet the directors who represent the district you live in.
- Hear! Get an update on the past year's activities and learn more about our future plans.

- ★ Ask! Ask questions. The annual meeting is a great chance to do that.
- ★ And, as always, win prizes! It wouldn't be an annual meeting without the opportunity to win a fabulous door prize! We're giving away bill credits for up to \$250! But even if you do not win, we still think you are a winner. We'll drop a \$25 bill credit on your account to say thank you for attending your annual meeting!

Being a member of an electric coop allows you to take part in your coop's annual meeting, which is one of the cooperative differences. So, make plans to attend this year's annual meeting. You'll be glad you did!



11597 Illinois Highway 1 Paris, IL 61944 800-635-4145 Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$25

\$25 Thank you bill credit for attending the meeting!



Bill credits, top prize \$250!



Full hearty breakfast!

EnerStar Directors Julian, Colvin Earn National Certification

The electric utility industry is undergoing a significant transformation, which puts added pressure on electric cooperative directors. Their choices can have long-term impacts on the cooperative. As a result, having a deeper understanding of the industry, governance, and cooperative principles is crucial. This knowledge benefits not only the directors but also the members of the electric cooperative.

EnerStar Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that director Granville Colvin recently earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate (CCD) from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) by completing advanced courses on the board's role in governing the co-op. He joins fellow CCD-certified board members Danny Gard of West Union, Jeff Zimmerman of Oakland, Jeff Murphy of Marshall, and Kevin Julian of Metcalf.



Kevin recently completed the next level of training to earn his Board Leadership Certificate (BLC). The program consists of a series of courses focusing in greater depth on specific industry and governance issues, including risk management, power supply, parliamentary procedure, technology, and policy development.

"Educational development is a crucial cooperative principle and a cornerstone of effective self-governance. A director with a better



understanding of the complexities of the constantly evolving electric utility industry can best serve our co-op membership," said Dave Clinton, CEO of EnerStar. "We are grateful for the additional effort and time put in by these directors for the betterment of our cooperative."

The NRECA is the national service organization that represents the nation's more than 900 member-owned electric cooperatives, which provide service to 42 million people in 47 states.



Do we have your correct contact info?

If updates are necessary, email us at memberservices@enerstar.com or call our office at 800-635-4145.



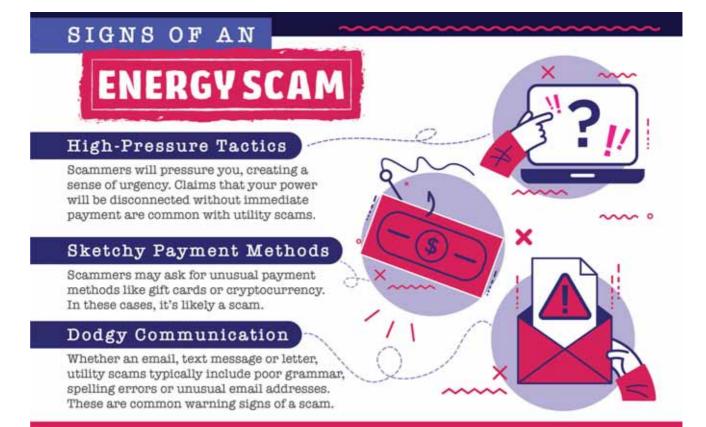


Britta Baker (5 years), and Chad Cornwell (25 years). Thank

you to all these employees for your service to our

electric cooperative!





Local IEC Memorial Scholarship winner announced

EnerStar Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that Aubrey Lawson from Paris is among the 15 winners of this year's Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship. Aubrey was selected from among 285 other students across the state. Every year, the \$2,000 scholarships are awarded to 16 high school students who are members, employees, or directors of electric co-ops. A 17th scholarship is reserved for a student interested in lineworker's school, and the recipient will be announced



later. The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives will recognize her success at their annual meeting in Springfield in August.

The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives conducts the selection process. Candidates are evaluated based on their gradepoint average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay demonstrating their knowledge of electric cooperatives.

Aubrey's application particularly stood out to EnerStar employees as she demonstrated her commitment to community and volunteer activities. EnerStar's values align with the Seven Cooperative Principles, with Number Seven being "Concern for Community." Aubrey's dedication to her community aligns with these values, and her contribution to making a positive impact is much appreciated.

It's worth noting that Aubrey was among the two representatives from EnerStar who attended the 2023 Youth to Washington tour. During her visit, Aubrey gained experience with government in action and learned more about how not-for-profit electric cooperatives benefit the local communities they serve.





ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you know ceiling fans can help you save energy? Ceiling fans create a windchill effect on your skin to make you feel a few degrees cooler. Raise the thermostat a few degrees and turn on fans to reduce air conditioning costs.

Set fan blades to rotate counterclockwise during summer months and clockwise during winter months. Remember, ceiling fans cool people but don't actually lower the indoor temperature. Turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: energy.gov