



Rural HIGHLIGHTS

Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

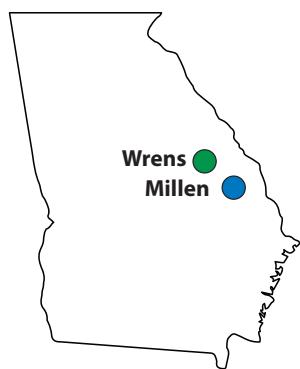
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Co-ops respond to hurricane damage in Georgia

Prior to Helene making landfall, RECC's Andrew Boston, Hayden Jacobs, Dalton Brown, and Drayton Davis arrived at a Georgia staging area to meet with linemen from cooperatives across the country. A day later, the Category 5 hurricane devastated the region, leaving a path of destruction, devastating floods, and thousands without power. Carroll EMC, which made the request for additional support, was mostly spared and freed up crews to be dispatched to harder hit areas like Satilla REMC in Alma, Ga., and Planters EMC in Millen, Ga.

After two weeks of restoration efforts at Planters co-op, RECC's linemen returned home. They were immediately replaced with another four-man crew, which included Bill Hart, Travis Boylen, Sean Koen, and Matt Evans. The second crew was dispatched to Jefferson Energy Cooperative in Wrens, Ga. The new crew worked at Jefferson for one week before being released to go home.



Drayton Davis

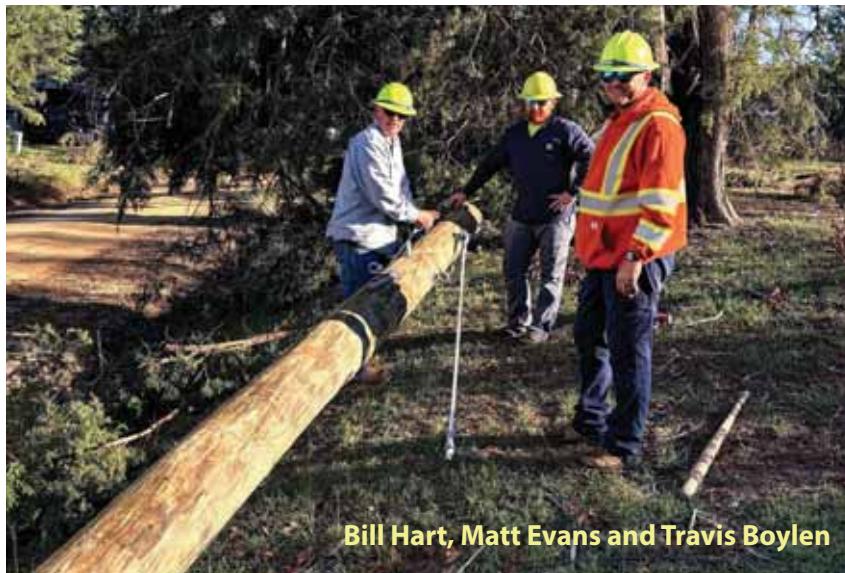
Illinois electric cooperatives that provided Helene assistance

Adams Electric Cooperative
Clay Electric Co-operative
Clinton County Electric Cooperative
Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative
Corn Belt Energy
Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative

Egyptian Electric Cooperative
EnerStar Electric Cooperative
Illinois Electric Cooperative
JCE Co-op
Menard Electric Cooperative
Norris Electric Cooperative

Rural Electric Convenience Co-op
Shelby Electric Cooperative
SouthEastern Illinois Electric Co-op
Spoon River Electric Cooperative
Tri-County Electric Cooperative
Wayne-White Counties Electric Co-op

The mutual assistance program is nationwide and available to cooperatives in need. Its rapid response helped Georgia cooperatives restore power to more than 300,000 of its members. The program can be adapted quickly to facilitate those who request additional resources. This flexibility was evident, with Illinois co-ops assisting Satilla REMC in Alma, Ga., Carroll EMC in Carrollton, Ga., Planters EMC in Millen, Ga., and Jefferson Energy Cooperative in Wrens, Ga. In addition, neighboring cooperatives sent crews to other states affected by the hurricane.



Bill Hart, Matt Evans and Travis Boylen



Accommodations for line crews included everything from a tent city with portable sleeping trailers to temporary cots set up by a local church. Members and residents provided cards of thanks as a reminder of their accomplishments.

North Mac Homecoming



Employees and their families participate in local parades



Auburn Homecoming



Raymond Celebration



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The electric cooperatives of Illinois are proud to offer scholarships to deserving students in our co-op family.

Whether you're a high school senior planning to attend college or are interested in a career as a lineworker, there's a scholarship opportunity for you. Applications are now open for the 2025 Illinois Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarships. Apply by Dec. 31, 2024, for most scholarships, or by April 30, 2025, for the lineworker scholarship. Scan the QR code above or go to <https://bit.ly/IECScholarships> for more details.

Ten scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors whose parent(s) are Illinois electric co-op members.

The Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship is reserved for a student whose parent is an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director, honoring the legacy of service within our cooperative family.

Five scholarships are dedicated to students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college, who are also children of an electric cooperative member in Illinois.

The LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship is for those pursuing a career in linework and are enrolled or plan to enroll at Lincoln Land Community College's lineworker program. This scholarship supports students of co-op members, relatives of employees or directors, and those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

Don't miss out on this opportunity! The general scholarship application deadline is Dec. 31, 2024, and the lineworker scholarship is due by April 30, 2025. For more information, call Julie Waghorn at 217-438-6198 or apply at aiec.coop/iec-scholarship/. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors.

Apply for your EV charger rebate now!

For the remainder of the year, any member who owns or leases an EV, and has installed a Level 2 charging station, will be eligible for a \$250 rebate. This includes those members with older EVs and charging stations installed within the last 10 years.

Eligible participants must have a Level 2 charging station installed and have an EV registered to the address on their RECC billing statement. Email Jeff Lancaster at ev@recc.coop or call us at 217-438-6197 for more information.



Our office will be closed on December 25th for Christmas and January 1st for New Year's Day.