



# Clinton County Connection

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## Treasure Hunt – help us find these past members

Most of this month’s publication will be dedicated to the task of finding past members that have outstanding capital credits OWED TO THEM. We need your assistance in locating these members so we can return their allocated/unclaimed patronage. Please contact us at P.O. Box 40, Breese, IL 62230, via e-mail at [cceci@cceci.com](mailto:cceci@cceci.com) or by phone 618-526-7282. In the future, if you move off our lines, please contact the office and let us know your new mailing address. That way we can refund your patronage to you.

Also, please remember to check out our new E-Business Solution at [www.cceci.com](http://www.cceci.com). This program allows you to do business with us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

On the legislative front ... The “Cap and Trade” legislation is dead for this legislative session and the “Renewable Energy Standards” (RES), legislation that mandates a certain percentage of generation to come from renewable resources, has little hope of making it to the floor this session.

Thank you for taking time to read this article and as always if you have any questions, concerns or comments please e-mail me at [johnson@cceci.com](mailto:johnson@cceci.com).

Thank you for assisting us in trying to find these past members of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, as well as reminding our current members to cash their outstanding capital credit checks.

- Lee Abernathy, Granite City, IL
- Sharon B. Anderson, Carlyle, IL
- John C. Attebury, Lusby, MD
- Tony C. Baker, August, GA
- Robert J. Barboro, St. Louis, MO
- Edward L. Barbour, Belleville, IL
- Stanley Bennett, Portage, MI
- Gary Billiot, Buckner, IL
- Cheryl A. Bingaman, New Baden, IL
- Bernard Birk, Houston, TX
- Gary D. Bolen, Shattuc, IL
- Randy Borchelt, Carlyle, IL
- John Bubb, Jr., Springfield, IL
- Marie C. Buehler, Lebanon, TN
- Shane A. Burrows, Mascoutah, IL
- Steven Calvert, Arlington, TX
- Robert E. Carson, Troy, IL
- Don Champ, Centralia, IL
- Dora C. Conrad, Yorkville, IL
- C.A. Crowder, Collinsville, IL
- D&L Club c/o Leroy Diesen, Germantown, IL
- Amelia Dawson, Collinsville, IL
- Kenneth E. Donough, Gig Harbor, WA
- Linda C. Edwards, Carlyle, IL
- Paul Engelman, Belleville, IL
- John R. Evans, Chicago, IL
- Adolph T. Fischer, Belleville, IL
- Edward W. Ford III, New Memphis, IL
- Anna M. Frerker, Breese, IL
- David Gabel, Belleville, IL
- Gail R. Gardner, Smithton, IL
- James Gifford, Highland, IL
- Margaret M. Goetz, Breese, IL
- Howard Greer, Lakeland, FL
- William A. Haar, Mt. Vernon, IL
- Eula Hackethal, Dexter, MO
- Arnold L. Hale, St. Louis, MO
- Randy Hammel, Carlyle, IL
- Warren G. Hangsleben, O’Fallon, IL
- Maurice Hansen, San Clemente, CA
- Joseph W. Harrington, Belleville, IL

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# 2011 Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Program

Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Manager Mike Johnson has announced that for the fifteenth consecutive year the Illinois electric cooperatives will award academic scholarships to high school seniors. Four scholarships will be awarded to students who are the sons and daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative.

A fifth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee.

The sixth and seventh scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois com-

munity college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

A new eighth annual scholarship, the "LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship," will be awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$1,250 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the AIEC in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Only relatives of co-op employees or directors are eligible for the lineworker's scholarship, as are individuals who have served or



are serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

Candidates are judged on the basis of grade point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities and a short essay that demonstrates their

knowledge of electric cooperatives.

For more information, contact Ahren Langhauser at langhauser@cceci.com, ask your high school guidance counselor, or download an application at [www.cceci.com](http://www.cceci.com). Deadline to apply is January 1, 2011. All applications must be returned to CCEC by January 1, 2011.

## Access to cooperative meters and other equipment



*In our continuing efforts to provide our members and communities with superior services, CCEC is sponsoring a Lite 4 Bite program that began last month. Exchange two or more canned or other non-perishable food items into our office in exchange for a CFL light bulb! A maximum of four bulbs will be given to each membership, while supplies last (1,500 available). The food collected will be distributed through several food banks throughout the CCEC service area. Please help us help others!*

Clinton County Electric requires access to its meters and equipment at all times.

Sometimes our meters have been found to be in enclosed areas, fenced in areas, on porches and in room additions in houses. In some instances, dogs are chained to the meter poles.

Please remove trash, junk, weeds, tree branches and other debris from around your meters. This is a safety factor in good weather, but when the snow and ice hits us, it is dangerous for our meter readers. In some cases, our meter readers are able to read these meters anyway with binoculars, but most of the time it is impossible for our meter readers to read these meters.

Having our equipment accessible

is also important when an outage occurs. If our linemen cannot gain safe access to the cooperative's equipment, we cannot restore your power in a timely manner. Our line crews also need to check the condition of our poles and other equipment on occasion.

When the cooperative deems conditions to be unsafe and dangerous, there will be a \$35 charge to the member, and if no corrective measures are taken, the account is subject to disconnection of service.

If you have a meter or other equipment that is not safely accessible to the cooperative, please contact us (800-526-7282) so corrective measures or other arrangements can be made.

## Help us find these past members, cont.

- John Huels, Carlyle, IL
- Jerome A Huth, Shattuc, IL
- Jessie L. Jones, Florissant, MO
- Daniel Kahrhoff, Breese, IL
- John N. Kernan, Granite City, IL
- Kenneth R. Knowles, Summerfield, IL
- James Kramer, St. Louis, MO
- Ruth Kreke, Kell, IL
- Charlie Kruep, Breese, IL
- Nancy J. Kuhn, Centralia, IL
- Josephine Kunkel, Carlyle, IL
- Jodie Lanter, Carlyle, IL
- Verlan K. Laux, Trenton, IL
- Raymond Lay, St. Peters, MO
- Jeniece LeMarr, Centralia, IL
- Clifford R. Lewis, Freeburg, IL
- William J. Louis, Trenton, IL
- Gary & Jan E. Lutz, Greenville, IL
- Marty's Stop & Shop c/o James & Sandra Finney, Huey, IL
- Cathy Marzullo c/o Anthony Jarvis, Trenton, IL
- H.F. McCumber, Gainesville, FL
- S.W. McGee, Centralia, IL
- Edward Mecalo, Cahokia, IL
- Harold J. Meyer, Sr., Highland, IL
- Mary E. Missey, Lebanon, IL
- Robert J. Mitchell, Troy, IL
- Frank R. Moran, Hoffman, IL
- John W. Myers, Belleville, IL
- Kenneth Nunn, Justin, TX
- Bobbi Sue Perkins, Sandoval, IL
- George A. Peterson, Ridgeland, MS
- Petrolane Gas Service, Salem, IL
- David Phelps, Chester, IL
- Lucille M. Range, Fenton, MO
- Lawrence E. Recklein, Carlyle, IL
- Reese Construction Co., O'Fallon, IL
- Chris Rhodes, St. Elmo, IL
- Jeff Richter, New Baden, IL
- Ronald J. Richter, St. Jacob, IL
- August J. Rose, Jacksonville, AL
- Albert L. Ross, Centralia, IL
- Delvert E. Russell, Litchfield, IL
- Ruthies c/o Ruth Sheppard, Sandoval, IL
- Stella Sanders, Carlyle, IL
- Daniel C. Schaefer, Belleville, IL
- Erwin Schaeli, Waagtalstr
- Alma Schlueter, Centralia, IL
- Steven D. Schmitz, Centralia, IL
- Deborah Schramke, Phoenix, AZ
- Jean Schroeder, O'Fallon, IL
- John D. Schroeder, Edwardsville, IL
- Seven-Up Bottling Co., Hazelwood, MO
- Antonio T. Skerrett, Mascoutah, IL
- Debra Skurat, Centralia, IL
- William G. Snell, Centralia, IL
- Jeffrey R. Stahl, Wood River, IL
- Russell W. Steuart, Federal Way, WA
- Robert J. Stidham, Carlinville, IL
- Michael J. Stock, Jr, Breese, IL
- Gerald A. Taylor, Moore Haven, FL
- Raymond Thien, Highland, IL
- Edward Toennies, Breese, IL
- Leo Toennies, Caseyville, IL
- Gary Tonnie, New Baden, IL
- Trans America Financial, Fairview Heights, IL
- David M. Uhls, Centralia, IL
- Robert D. Vail, Belleville, IL
- Albert Valencia, Granite City, IL
- Mary Vaughn, Walnut Hill, IL
- Charles Virgin, Highland, IL
- Randy Voss, Carlyle, IL
- Al Weiss, Chesterfield, MO
- Bryan K. Wessel, Carlyle, IL
- Edward Woker, Carlyle, IL
- Norman E. Wolff, Collinsville, IL
- James Woltmann, West Frankfort, IL
- William A. Zirkelbach, Sr., Lebanon, IL
- Joan M. Zurliene, St. Louis, MO



## HOLIDAYS CLOSINGS

In observance of the following holidays, the Cooperative office will be closed:

**Thanksgiving**      *Thursday, November 25  
and Friday, November 26*

**Christmas**      *All day on Friday, December 24*

**New Years**      *All day on Friday, December 31*

## Spotlight On Brenda Knolhoff

Brenda Knolhoff is the newest member of our cooperative family. She joined us in September. Brenda grew up on a dairy farm north of Carlyle and previous to becoming employed by Clinton County Electric Cooperative, she worked at Foppe Insurance Agency as an insurance agent/customer service representative. Brenda and her husband, Stewart, live north



of Carlyle and reside on cooperative lines. She and Stewart have three children; Brad, age 23; Travis, age 21; and Kelsey age 16. In her spare time, she enjoys shopping with her daughter, baking and spending time with her family.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



### CCECI Annual Meeting

*It's never too early to plan for your upcoming annual meeting.  
2011 Cooperative annual meeting  
Thursday, March 17, 2011*

## Phone numbers please

We need your help!!! We have recently changed providers for our afterhours answering service, and through providing them with information about our system, we have found out that approximately 50 percent of the telephone numbers we have listed for our members are incorrect.

When you get ready to pay your next electric bill, please write your phone number(s) on your bill stub and return it to us so we can update our records.

This information is especially important during outages, but there are other times that we may need to contact you.

Please include your work phone number (if you are able to receive calls at work) and any and all cell phone numbers. If you are positively unable to be contacted during our 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. work day, please give us a contact number where we can leave a message for you to get in touch with us.

Please be aware that the phone numbers you give us are for our use only. We respect your privacy and never give them out to anyone else.

Please help us in updating our records. Thanks.