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**2012 Clinton County
Electric Cooperative
Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 15,
2012 – Be sure to
mark your calendar!
It is never too early
to plan for YOUR
upcoming annual
meeting.**

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/unretired patronage. Please contact us at P.O. Box 40, Breese, IL 62230, via e-mail at cceci@cceci.com or by phone 618-526-7282 if you can help us find these previous members. 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 when capital credit payments are sent.

The past few months I have been informing you about Clinton County Electric's impending 2012 Rate Increase. On Oct. 12, 2012 the Board of Trustees held a special board meeting to debate the details of the rate increase. On the next evening some of the Board of Trustees and Management met with the Clinton County Electric Advisory Committee to continue the rate increase discussion. On October 19 and 20, Clinton County Electric held its annual Area Meetings at Breese, Carlyle and Albers, with the main topic of conversation being the rate increase. We presented specific information concerning the rate increase and the possible impacts on the membership. I am writing this article near the end of September, so I would be guessing to inform you today what the specifics of the rate increase will be. If you didn't attend one of our Area Meetings, stay tuned - our December Illinois Country Living articles will go into great detail concerning the rate increase.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite the membership to visit our website, www.cceci.com. You will have the opportu-

nity to sign up for E-Business; the button is on the upper left of our home page. All you will need is a Cooperative billing statement and a valid email address. Once you are signed in, you will be able to view your personal account and have the option to pay your bill via our website using debit card, credit card, or checking account information.

Please remember, all initiatives we embark on always have our members' best interest in mind. Providing our members with affordable electricity and excellent service will continue to be our goal in the future. As always, if you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at johnson@cceci.com.

- Charles & Florence Albers, Germantown II
- Oliver Albers, Millstadt II
- Daniel R Anthony, Carlyle II
- Joyce Atchison, Carlyle II
- Earl & Norma Aubuschon, Troy II
- John & Patricia A Baczewski, Shattuck II
- Jon & Regina Bain, Centralia II
- Leo W & Hazel L Baker, Hillsboro II
- Dennis Beckmann, Aviston II
- Jeffrey W Belcher, Vernon II
- Stanley & Judy Bennett, Portage Mi
- Cheryl Bingaman Parkin, Highland II
- William H Binger, Saint Louis Mo
- Artia E Black, Centralia II
- Clifford L Boien, Carlyle II
- William E Bonnett, Sr, Greenview II
- Kimberly Bouillon, Carlyle II
- Jeannie M Boyd, Pocahontas II
- Kathy Brandt, Carlyle II
- John & Debra S Brisch, Ellsworth II
- Brookside Town Hall, Centralia II
- Danny Brown, Carlyle II
- Mike & Mary Jo Buller, Breese II
- Kenneth Campbell, Trenton II
- Ruth A Caputa, Carlyle II
- Dan Carver & Debbie Moulder, Centralia II
- James W Jr & Benita Cavins, Hoyleton II
- Hubert A & Claudette Charlton, Centralia II
- Earnest E Dallas, Granite City II
- C Edric & Sheila Davis, Naples FI

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- John L. & Marcia J. Davis, Belleville II
- Dale Day, Shattuc II
- Jerry A. Day, Shattuc II
- Oma W. & Dorothy M. Dodson, Collinsville II
- Marie Donoho, Collinsville II
- Kenneth Donough, Gig Harbor Wa
- E. H. & K. Oil Co, Centralia II
- Ricky & Charlotte Edgecombe, Trenton II
- John & Diana Evans, Chicago II
- Jos & Helen Eversgerd, Germantown II
- James O. & Kristina J. Evislizer
- Nellie Fincher, O. Fallon II
- Adolph T. Fischer, Belleville II
- R. W. & Joyce Fritz, Centralia II
- Frank E. Fulton, New Memphis II
- Karen Funderburk, Pierron II
- Geraldine E. Playter, Belleville II
- James & Lisa Giess, Belleville II
- Donna V. Gill, Salem II
- Margaret M. Goetz, Breese II
- Robert W. & Barbara T. Hahn, Trenton II
- Kenneth W. Hanson, Centralia II
- Jack & Kara Hardin, Patoka II
- Kenneth Heinzmann, Centralia II
- Heinzmann Frams Inc, Centralia II
- Delmar Hester, Sandoval II
- Thomas & Deborah Hockett, Collinsville II
- Jerry Hoffee & Imogene Bonner, Troy II
- Ann R. Holler, Carlyle II
- Monte & Clarice Hoover, Odin II
- Debra Hudson, Carlyle II
- Kevin & Antoinette L. Huegen, Mascoutah II
- Curt Iberg, Highland II
- Alan J. Jansen, Germantown II
- Paul Dean & Mary Ann Johnson, Custer Ky
- Jessie L. Jones, Florissant Mo
- L. Wayne & Diana J. Jones, Trenton II
- John & Nora Jorgenson, Surfside Fl
- B. John Kauling, Carlyle II
- Rodney Kehrer, Mascoutah II
- Kenneth W. Keigley, Mount Vernon II
- John N. & Elsie G. Kernan, Granite City II
- Carl & Janet H. Kerr, Mascoutah II
- Kenneth R. Knowles, Summerfield II
- Sheryl M. Kocher, Belleville II
- Kordair Farms Inc, Germantown II
- Charles E. & Sheryl L. Lambert, Annandale Va
- Lindell Leeper, Pocahontas II
- Gene Sr & Nancy Lowe, Carlyle II
- Paul & Diana L. Lynch, Granite City II
- Evelyn Mann, Carlyle II
- Selma F. Maroon, Centralia II
- Edward Mecalo, Cahokia II
- Thomas J. Meyer, Venedy L
- Alfred & Frieda Michael, Belleville II
- Jeff & Beth Mueller, Mascoutah II
- Jimmie Murray & Brenda Jones, Chicago II
- Mescal Nelson, Breese II
- Karl E. Nunn & Teresa Swinney, New Memphis II
- Joseph O'Dell & Doris Whipple, Centralia II
- Maudine Orrell, Patoka II
- Samuel E. & Shirley M. Patterson, Granite City II
- Stephen S. Paul, Mascoutah II
- George A. Peterson, Ridgeland Ms
- Shirley A. Pierce, Keyesport II
- Ray & Jo Dean Pigg, Centralia II
- John C. & Pamela E. Pilkington, Mascoutah II
- Henry J. Jr & Marian Pollmann, Mascoutah II
- Kevin & Donna Pomery, Scott Afb II
- Donna M. Poole, Trenton II
- Lloyd A. & Billie O. Price, Fairmount Va
- Janet A. Rau, Swansea II
- Rene & Zora Rebulanan, Lancaster Ca
- Ronnie Roark, Centralia II
- Scott & Lauren K. Sabaliski, New Baden II
- David Sabelfeldt & Angela Bradford, Shattuc II
- Fred C. Schalk, Mascoutah II
- Roy Schlichtmann, Carlyle II
- Ruth Schrage, Breese II
- John D. & Janice K. Schroeder, Edwardsville II
- Jeffrey P. & Dawn M. Schwartz, Sandoval II
- Charles R. Shelley, Breese II
- Dennis & Lynda Sinskey, O. Fallon II
- Elton T. & Ivy C. Smith, Florissant Mo
- Sheila Stalnaker, New Baden II
- Duane M. & Julia Stanley, Flora II
- Joe Sterkis, Winslow In
- Michael J. Stock, Jr & Jean M. Schellenger, Saint Rose II
- Richard A. & Rowena Stubblefield, Mascoutah II
- Terry G. & Kay L. Tebbe, Aviston II
- William D. & Elsie O. Theobald, Anchorage Ak
- Leo Toennies, Caseyville II
- Gary & Mike Tonnies, New Baden II
- Doyle & Pamela Twenhafel, Carlyle II
- Robert D. Vail, Belleville II
- Randy & Kathleen Vance, Carlyle II
- Mary Vaughn, Walnut Hill II
- Leroy & Donna Vegher, Alton II
- James E. Voland, Centralia II
- Bob & Sonja Vosholler, Patoka II
- John & Geri Ann Wordein, Carlyle II
- Shirley Warden, Carlyle II
- Kevin B. & Lorie A. Watrous, Lafayette La
- Danny B. Watson, Jr, Saint Louis Mo
- Julia Watson, Saint Louis Mo
- Dennis J. & Pamela D. Weaver, Scott Afb II
- Al Weiss, Chesterfield Mo
- Catherine Wesselmann, Mascoutah II
- Russ W. & Vera Witkowski, Girard Oh
- Woll Enterprises, Inc, Indianapolis In
- Dennis Wuebbels, Carlyle II
- John D. & Si Jo Yedinak, Freeburg II
- Esther Zotz, Lebanon II

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Members may now choose to pay bills online at www.cceci.com. Clinton County Electric's e-bill page gives you the ability to instantly view information about your bill from home, office or any place you have access to the internet. You can view your account and pay your bill online through a secured website by either a credit/debit card or by e-check. To pay with e-check you will need your bank's routing number and your checking account number.

E-bill at Clinton County Electric is easily accessed by clicking on "E-Business Solution" on the upper left corner of the home page. If you have already registered, enter your e-mail address and a password to go to the Account List page. If you are a first-time user, you must go through a brief registration. On the Account

List page, you can view the image of the current paper bill that was mailed to you, as well as bill detail, payment history and billing history. Charts showing views of monthly and average kilowatt hour usage and costs are also at your fingertips. If you have more than one account, choose which accounts you wish to pay, then click the "Pay" button and select a payment option. Best of all, you can pay your bill with the simple click of a mouse. It doesn't get any easier than that! For more information, call our office during regular business hours or email us at cceci@cceci.com.



**Effective Tuesday,
January 3, 2012 our
office hours will be
changing to**

7:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Eight 2012 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

Students Encouraged To Apply for 2012 IEC Memorial Scholarships

Mike Johnson, Manager of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives will again in 2012 award seven academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students within the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, an eighth scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will also be offered.

The eight scholarships of \$1,250 each will be awarded in 2012 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Four scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or 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-

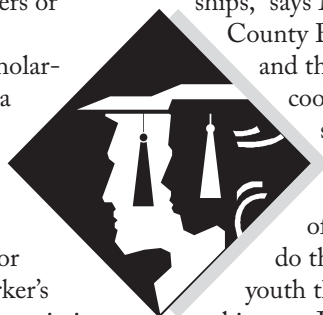
year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members or employees.

A new eighth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” was 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 Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. LaVern McEntire served as a lineman for McDonough Power Electric Cooperative from 1949 until 1991. He and his wife, Nola, endowed the new scholarship to financially assist deserving individuals in becoming trained lineworkers. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees; and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for the lineworker’s scholarship.

“We hope to assist electric coopera-

tive youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says Mike Johnson. “Clinton County Electric Cooperative and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one. In addition, we are very pleased to offer the electric lineworker’s scholarship. It will benefit not only electric cooperative youth but also those fine men and women who have served their country through their military service and may now be wanting to become a trained lineworker.”

For more information regarding the scholarships, email Brenda Knolhoff at Knolhoff@cceci.com or call Clinton County Electric Cooperative. All necessary paperwork has also been sent to area high school guidance counselors and is also available for download at the cooperative’s website at cceci.com.



Holiday closings

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

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| Thanksgiving | Thursday,
November 24 and
Friday, November 25 |
| Christmas | Monday, December 26 |
| New Years | Monday, January 2 |

Donate Canned Goods in Exchange for CFL Light Bulbs

In our continuing efforts to provide our members and communities with superior services, CCEC is once again sponsoring the Lite 4 a Bite program. Exchange 2 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. The food collected will be distributed to local food banks throughout the CCEC service area. Please help us help others!



Spotlight on Doug



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This month we are spotlighting employee Doug VonderHaar. Doug grew up on a family dairy farm in St. Rose, being the second of five boys. He is the son of August & Patricia VonderHaar. Doug married Bernice Kalmer in 1987 and they reside in Breese. He has been an employee at Clinton County Electric Cooperative since July, 1990, and has been a life-long member of the Cooperative. Doug began his employment as an apprentice lineman working his way up the ladder. He is currently the Lineman Foreman of the Overhead Construction crew. Doug enjoys meeting cooperative members and finds it very rewarding hearing appreciation from members after the power is restored. Doug enjoys and stays very busy on their farm plus helping his parents on the family farm.



Doug VonderHaar

Being a graduate of Mater Dei High School, he enjoys watching both Mater Dei basketball and football. He also enjoys attending his sons' activities and spending time with family and friends. Doug and his wife have three sons; Justin is a junior at SIU Carbondale, Jason is a senior at Mater Dei High School and Jordan is in the 6th grade at All Saints Academy.

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For SAFETY'S Sake

When moving high profile farm equipment, please be aware of the power lines on your property. Especially during harvest, remember to look up and around before moving augers. A little awareness goes a long way and may prevent a serious accident and/or injury.