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A safe harvest

Stay alert to power lines

Harvest is fast approaching. Sometimes the pace gets frantic, as long hours are worked in order to time harvest just right to reach optimum yields or avoid bad weather.

During this time of rush, it can be tempting to take short cuts on safety. It's also easy for power lines, a sight so common around fields and grain storage facilities, to simply fade into the background. Always stay alert to the location of power lines. Here are a few specific tips from Safe Electricity:

- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from power lines — at all times, in all directions.

- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Always remember to lower extensions when moving loads.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Use care when raising augers or the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- If a power line is sagging or low, call us immediately.
- If contact is made with a power

line, stay on the equipment. Make sure to warn others to stay away, and call 911. Do not leave until the utility crew says it is safe to do so. The only reason to exit is if the equipment is on fire. If this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together, without touching the ground and vehicle at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

We wish our members a safe and abundant harvest season.

College dorm electrical safety

Send this list to a student you know



A limited number of electrical outlets, lots of appliances and chargers, and small rooms crammed full can lead to electrical safety mistakes. Consider these tips to stay safe:

- Extension cords are for temporary use only and are not a permanent solution.
- Don't overload outlets or power strips.
- Keep rugs and furniture off cords.
- Use light bulbs with the correct wattage for fixtures.
- Keep appliances away from bedding.
- Don't tack or nail cords to surfaces.
- If using an item causes the breaker to trip or outlets or cords to feel hot, unplug the item and report the condition to the landlord/housing staff.
- Check smoke detectors, know locations of fire extinguishers, and identify emergency exit locations.

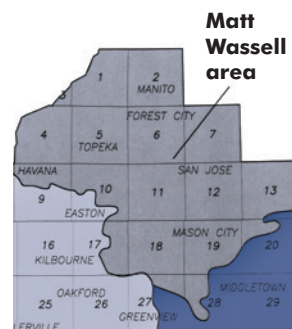


LABOR DAY
 Office Closed
 Monday, Sept. 5

New area serviceman



Matt Wassell is the new Area Serviceman for the northernmost portion of our territory. He joined Menard Electric in February as a Lineman. Take a look at the map here to see if Matt is your serviceman.



Tip of the Month

Be aware of power lines

This is a big month for home repairs. Remember to always be aware of the location of power lines near your home and keep yourself and your equipment at least 10 feet from them. Carry ladders horizontally when possible and never use a water or blower extension to clean gutters near overhead lines. If you are trimming trees near lines call us first so we may disconnect power. Call JULIE at 8-1-1 before you dig to locate underground utility lines.



Help us find these members

In June, your Board of Directors authorized a general retirement of capital credits earned in 1992 and a portion of 1993. If you were an active member during those years you received a bill credit or a check.

Remember, capital credits are the margins we earn that are allocated back to you each year because we are a non-profit and member-owned cooperative. See our website for details.

Members who no longer receive service from us were mailed a check. We used the last known address we had, but over time things change and some of those checks were returned to us. We were able to locate some, but need your help to find the names listed below. This list can also be found on our website (you can find previous listings as well).

If you have contact with any of the names listed here, please tell them to give Michelle at the office a call at 800-872-1203. If the member listed is deceased, the executor of his/her estate should call.

Adams, Nick & Joanne, Buffalo	Caldwell Eng. Co, Jacksonville	Eggertsen, Dane, Rushville	Hierman Farms, Virginia
Ahart, John & Rose, Champaign	Cale, William, Petersburg	Elliott, Glenn, Topeka	Himes, Cheryl, Middletown
Allen, John, Spaulding	Carroll, John, Greenfield	Embrey, Roger Jr, Illiopolis	Hofmann, Norman, Athens
American Property Mgmt, Pekin	Christen, Joseph, Williamsville	Englebrecht, Beckie, Topeka	Holland, Charles & Margaret, Springfield
Angel, Wanda, Petersburg	Clarke, Robert & Patricia, Weldon Spring, MO	Englebrecht, Donnic, Topeka	Hughes, David & Kim, Springfield
Ater, Patricia, Jacksonville	Claycomb, Leslie Jr & Nina, Chatham	English, Franklin & Margery, Greenview	Hurley, Kimberly, Mechanicsburg
Atterberry, Kevin, Springfield	Clostermery, Gib, Springfield	Evans, Mark & Jill, Jacksonville	Hurst, George, Riverton
Atwood, Michael, Ashland	Coe, William, Springfield	Faith, Vicki, Springfield	Huston, Keegan & Lori, Athens
Babb, Donald & Diane, Cantrall	Coffey, Lawrence, Manito	Feagans, Steve, Petersburg	Ingram, James & Shelly, Mason City
Babbitt, Mark, Broadwell	Cohan, Randy & Jill, Buffalo	Ferguson, Daniel, Lincoln	Jackson, Patrick, Springfield
Backus, James & Arnetta, Tucson, AZ	Collins, Fletcher, Athens	Flesch, Wm & Elizabeth, Cantrall	Jennings, James, Manito
Baird, John & Wendy, Lincoln	Collins, Kevin & Pamela, Chandlerville	Fletcher, Karen, Sherman	Jesse, Tracy, Springfield
Bast, Raymond, Ashland	Combs, Gary & Melinda, Lincoln	Fox, Bryan, Springfield	Jones, Philip & Mary, Jacksonville
Bastin, Hazel, Mount Pulaski	Conn, Benny & Sheila, Petersburg	Fox, Lee & Janice, Jacksonville	Jordan, Mark, Niantic
Baxter, Robert, Saint Peters, MO	Connor, Karen, Petersburg	Fox, Michael, Middletown	Jorgensen, James & Shirley, Manito
Beddingfield, Don, Jacksonville	Contri, Theodore, Sherman	Friend, Heather, Bath	Kaiser Agri Chemicals, Greenview
Bedolli, Martin, Petersburg	Cooley, Karen, Manito	Gabrielsen, Timothy & Marie, Henderson, NV	Keck, David & Roberta, Blue Mound
Bellatti, Paul, Mount Pulaski	Cooper, Jim C H & April, San Jose	Gardner, William, Normal	Kenrick, William & Tammy, Springfield
Bennett, Barbara, Manito	Corey, Jeffery, Morton	Gay, Daniel, Danville	Kerfoot, Richard, Bloomington
Bennett, Ricky, Manito	Cottingham, John, Cantrall	Gilbert, Jeffrey, Topeka	Kimler, Joy, Springfield
Betts, Lucinda, Pekin	Crawford, Glenn & Mary, Dawson	Gleason, Allan & Christina, Athens	Kirkman, Scott & Patty, Clermont, FL
Billings, Ralph, Springfield	Currie, Alicia, Ashland	Godbey, Buddy & Linda, Mount Pulaski	Kline, Jeff & Anita, Pana
Birch, Timothy, Springfield	Curry, Ronald, Ashland	Goodin, Scott & Kathleen, Rothschild, WI	Knackmuhs, Gina, Pekin
Birdsell, Laurie, San Jose	Curry, Roy, Delavan	Gouin, James, Springfield	Knobloch, Sylvan & Kathy, Buffalo Hart
Blake, Kenna, Manito	Curtiss, Dana, Mason City	Graefen, Edward, San Jose	Krueger, Cory, Virginia
Bolm, Harold & Janet, Petersburg	Dallen, Stephanie, Manito	Graham, John & Peggy, Mason City	Lake, Steve & Lynn, Havana
Booth, Sandra, Centennial, CO	Davidson, Donald & Mary, Virginia	Grant, Shelley, Pleasant Plains	Lawrence, Coffey, Manito
Bouvet, Ronald & Sheree, Springfield	Davis, Lisa, Pleasant Plains	Greene, Duane & Theresa, Manito	Lee, Kenneth & Data, Canton
Bowie, Douglas & Suzanne, Springfield	Davis, Raymond, New Holland	Greene, Roger, Trout Creek, MT	Leeper, Charles, Niantic
Bowles, Bryan, Mt Pulaski	Davison, Scott & Genna, Havana	Greene, Shannon, Manito	Lewis, Mark & Mona, Mason City
Bowman, James & Lisa, Topeka	Dawson, Susan, Chandlerville	Griffith, Lester, Atlanta	Lincoln Land Development, Springfield
Boyer Trust, %Stephanie Gunterman, Middletown	Degroot, Dale & Joan, Ashland	Grove, Beth, Green Valley	Linders, Blake & Laura, Havana
Brand, Cindy, Springfield	Del Monte Foods USA, Eagle River, WI	Hackman-Pree Farm, Havana	Lindsey, Ronald, Bath
Brauner, Darrell & Diane, Pittsboro, NC	Dennis, James, San Jose	Hackney, George & Marjorie, Manito	Long, Harry & Marsha, Pleasant Plains
Brede, Mark, Bonduel, WI	Deverman, Philip & Helen, Petersburg	Hagen, Matthew, Athens	Loyd, Maxine, Saint Albans, WV
Breen, Robert, Manito	Digiovanna, Joseph IV, Springfield	Hamlet, James & Tonda, Gainsboro, TN	Lucey, Daniel & Janice, Camp Point
Bridges, John & Twana, Havana	Dillon, William & Karen, Springfield	Hammer, Florence, Jacksonville	Lynn, Barry, Sherman
Brown, Eula, Jacksonville	Diveley, Donavan & Delores, Pekin	Harden, Terrance & Bessie, Springfield	Lynn, Juanita, Mason City
Brown, Melissa, Forest City	Dossett, Jesse, Kilbourne	Harmon, Richard, Riverton	Lyons, Joyce, East Peoria
Bryant, Gregory & Lee Ann, Sullivan	Downing, Kevin, Lincoln	Harms, Barry, Manito	Lyons, Terri & Jack, Riverton
Bryant, Rees & Patti, Lincoln	Doyle, Darrel, Waverly	Harold O'Shea Builders, Springfield	Maddox, Robert & Amy, Petersburg
Burch, James & Christina, Springfield, MO	Drake, Sharon, Lockport	Harris, Donnie, Beardstown	Marshall, Artie & Beverly, Springfield
Burrus, Gregg, Virginia	Dray, Ronald & Bobbi Jo, Edwards	Heald, Mark, Loema, TN	Mason, Ellen, Springfield
Burton, Tom, Mason City	Duncheon, Mark, Petersburg	Henderson, Ernest & Shirley, Sherman	
Butler, Richard & Doris, Mt Auburn	Eck, Karen, Springfield	Hickey, Ross & Divinia, Tallula	
	Eddington, Doug, Mechanicsburg		
	Edwards, David, Petersburg		

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Board Meeting Report

For full minutes please visit our website at www.menard.com or contact our office.

Present were Jay Frye, Dennis Ryan, Warren Goetsch, Gary Martin, Donald McMillan, Michael Patrick, Roy Seaney, Jodine Tate and Steven Worner. Also Manager Eric Hobbie and Attorney Charles Smith.

Frye reviewed the consensus agenda. Worner named AIEC alternate director.

Goetsch named NRECA primary voting delegate and McMillan alternate voting delegate.

Hobbie reviewed State of Illinois delinquent accounts, which were approximately \$272,000.

He reviewed proposed changes in the Bylaws and Policies with regard to capital credits in the event of a bankruptcy

by a member.

He gave an irrigation load update.

Hobbie presented the financial report for the month of May. Year to date margins were \$1,640,622 compared to \$1,236,200 a year earlier. Equity as of the end of May was 38.89% and the number of member accounts served was 10,838 compared to 10,792 a year ago. Net utility plant at the end of May was \$44,293,409 compared to \$43,331,694 last year. The cooperative continues to meet the requirements of the RUS, FFB and NRUCFC.

Goetsch reported on AIEC activities and reviewed executive summary.

Martin reported on Prairie Power, Inc. wholesale power contract/transmission

service agreement extension and status of Prairie State. Discussion of 79th Annual Meeting of Members.

Frye presented proposed Board Meeting dates and times for 2016/2017. Board scheduled the 80th Annual Meeting of Members for June 15, 2017.

Worner named Alternate NRECA Board of Election Delegate.

Frye submitted proposal for Board committee and delegate appointments for 2016/2017.

Board entered into executive session. Hobbie presented capital credit estate refunds report.

Help us find these members continued from 16c

Maston, Harold, Tallula
Mathes, Thomas, Springfield
McCarty, Fred, Springfield
McCraight, Helen, Lake Worth, FL
McCulley, George & Virginia, Sherman
McDonald, Jeffrey, Springfield
McGee, Earl & Jill, Havana
McGlynn, James, Athens
McKinney, Joseph, Riverton
McLin, Eula Maye, Petersburg
Mefford, Jeffrey & Antonia, Cantrall
Melton, George, Athens
Mendenhall, Frank, Havana
Merry, Garry, Pekin
Meyer, Arthur, Dawson
Michel, Jeffrey, Springfield
Midwest Cablevision, Eureka
Minor, Eldon, Virginia
Moon, Cindy & Michael, Springfield
Mooney, Richard, Decatur
Moore, Ralph, Pekin
Moranville, Julie & Stanley, Bluff Springs
Morelock, Tammy, Athens
Morris, Robert & Brenda, Athens
Morton, Samuel & Noraine, Springfield
Moslander, Dale, Havana
Moss, Jimmy, Havana
Mottet, David & Tami, Virginia
Nance, George, Novi, MI
Nash, Deborah, Manito
Neal, Herbert & Mary, Lincoln
Neely, Robert & Sandra, Springfield
Norris, Dean & Sarah, Marietta
Nuechterlein, Allan, Black River, MI
Orwig, Barbara, Havana
Otten, Dulcena, Havana
Overby, Gerald Jr., Springfield
Owen, Richard & Nancy, Mattoon

Owens, Terry, Topeka
Patty, Joseph & Robyn, Beardstown
Pepmeyer, Alvin & Claudine, Havana
Perry, Ronald, Springfield
Phillips, Alex, Athens
Pipkin, Robert, Springfield
Price, Nancy, Decatur
Privett, James, Delavan
Ramsey, Charles, Oakford
Ratledge, Michelle, Manito
Reid, Albert, Petersburg
Reid, Charles & Jennifer, Jacksonville
Rice, Davie, Eldridge, IA
Rice, Debra, Dawson
Richardson, Bob & Erica, Elkhart
Richardson, John, Athens
Ring, Charles & Barbara Jean, Virginia
Roberts, John & Alyce, Pekin
Rodgers, Bobby Joe, Springfield
Roth Farms Inc, Mesa, AZ
Rudd, David & Gayla, Springfield
Ruggles, Alfred & Joyce, Illiopolis
Saathoff, Jean, Havana
Sarff, Dennis & Mary Linda, Havana
Sarff, Jan, Havana
Sathoff, Edward, Lincoln
Sayre, John & Patricia, Petersburg
Schisler, Kurt, Astoria
Schlebach, Joseph, Petersburg
Schnirring, Beatrice, Mechanicsburg
Schoonover, Angela, Bath
Schuen, Ronald & Kathy, Muncie, IN
Schultz, Jack, Springfield
Sea, Charles, Byron
Seckman, Don, Topeka
Serr, Steven & Shari, Springfield
Session, Tricia, Topeka
Shaffer, Scott & Jeanne, Manhattan
Sharp, Brian & Laura, Petersburg
Shawgo, Bruce, Mason City

Sherman, Robert, Havana
Sherren, Rodney & Linda, Havana
Shimkus, Donald Jr, Petersburg
Shoemaker, Arlan, Havana
Short, Billie & Marlene, Havana
Short, John & Dola, Springfield
Short, Stanley & Linda, Salt Lake City, UT
Simpson, Fred & Debby, Lincoln
Sloan, Wm, Williamsville
Smith, Bruce & Dawn, Arenzville
Smith, Elsie, Buffalo
Smith, Gary & Julie, Brunswick, GA
Smith, Richard & Rose, Manito
Snyder, Delbert & Loretta, San Jose
Spanton, Eric, DuQuoin
Spencer, Clarence & Adeline, Springfield
Spencer, Richard, Ashland
Spiczka, Lea, Manito
Stayton, Candace, Mount Pulaski
Stiltz, Terry, Dawson
Stewart, Paul & Nadine, Washington
Strode, Jeffrey, Springfield
Strode, Sharon & Jerry, Marietta
Tanner, Brenda, Dawson
Tate, Barbara, Peoria
Taylor, Jennifer, Manito
Tennison, Bobby, Manito
Thacker, Barbara, Springfield
The Equitable Life Assurance, Des Moines, IA
Thiel, Gerald & Jeannett, Springfield
Thixton, Connie, Roodhouse
Thompson, Rose, Sherman
Tomlin, George, Pleasant Plains
Troutt, Tammy, Dawson
Vandermeulen, Michael, Kalamazoo, MI
Vincent, Andrew & Tena, Jacksonville

Vonhatten, Roger & Vivian, Harrison, AR
Waggoner, Paul & Rochelle, Peoria
Wake, Aaron, Pleasant Plains
Wallace, Mrs. William, Havana
Watson, Kimberly & Ryan, Havana
Weigand, Clara, Petersburg
Weigand, Mary, Petersburg
Weis, Gary & Catherine, Saint Cloud, FL
Welker, Vivian, Acworth, GA
Weller, Elbert Jr, Springfield
Wheatley, Harry & Betty, Topeka
White, Tanya, Canton
White, Vivian, New Holland
Wicker, Joe & Shannon, Decatur
Wilcox, David & Meddra, Beardstown
Wilcoxon, Tonya, Kilbourne
Wilcoxson, Bruce & Eva, Havana
Wilson, Arthur, Abingdon
Winkelman, David, Ashland
Wiseman, Laura, Springfield
Witt, Michael & Tedra, Mechanicsburg
Wolf, Steven & Angela, Pleasant Plains
Wood, Johnnie & Debra, Concord
Wooldridge, Bill, Ashland
Wooldridge, Jeffrey, Athens
Wright, Dan, Geneseo
Wujek, Paul, Beardstown
Wulf, John, Virginia
Young, Daniel, Virginia
Young, James & Angela, Buffalo
Zimmerman, Conrad, Forest City