

# Clay ELECTRIC News

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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## From the Manager

It's that time of year again. The hottest month of the year is upon us. Kids are going back to school. And, Clay Electric (CECI) is having its 73rd annual meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to invite all of you to attend.

Fortunately, this year we will once again be inside the Oil Belt Christian Service camp's new facility. Like always, you will get the chance to vote on issues for your cooperative.

After all, it is YOUR cooperative.

It never ceases to surprise me when I have conversations with members who have not heard the cooperative story. It is my fervent wish to educate everyone about the rich history of cooperatives, in particular Clay Electric. How great is it that we get to be part of an organization that does not set profit above service? We make just enough margins to cover operating costs, and then the rest gets credited back to you, the members, in the form of capital credits.

I am proud to say, last year we retired nearly \$200,000 in capital credits in refunds to the membership. This year, we are on track to retire another \$170,000!

Your board has worked very diligently to ensure the cooperative is in a sound financial condition, so these types of refunds can continue well into the future.

We are on track to get caught up with capital credit retirements and get your money back to you, but we need your help. In this issue of Illinois Country Living, you will find a list of unclaimed capital credits. If you see someone on the list that you know, please tell them to contact the office. That way, we can get their refund to them.

This year, your cooperative has been very busy with multiple projects. I have heard from many of you regarding the effectiveness of the new tree trimming program. I want to thank you for giving such positive feedback! Strategically, reliable power, with fewer blinks and outages, has always been the goal of your cooperative. The addition of two full-time line clearance personnel has definitely had an impact upon that goal. I plan to continue with the tree trimming program, working toward a five-year rotation on the system. In that way,

I hope to continue to have great impact upon outages and blinks caused by trees.

Additionally, your linemen have been hard at work rebuilding older pieces of the distribution system. They do a great job and work conscientiously toward the goal of building a more reliable electric grid.

I know all of the employees at CECI put the membership foremost in their minds. This isn't just a job, it's a great place to work.

So, come on out to your 73rd annual meeting and enjoy a meal with us. We want to see you so much, we will even pay you to come! Every member in attendance gets a \$10 bill credit (one per membership) and the chance to win even larger amounts in our prize drawings.

*I can't wait to see you there.*



Ed VanHoose  
Manager



**Be sure to plan on attending your Annual Meeting on August 24.**

**Registration and meal begins at 5:15 p.m.**

**The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.**

**All events will be held at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp.**

**Check out page 11 for a full listing of events.**

# Updated 2017 Unclaimed/ Undeliverable Capital Credit List

Adams, Ed	Burgess, Bob	Fehrenbacher, Delmar	Higgason, A W
Adams, J L	Burkett, Fred	Feller, Delores	Hilderbrand, Leola
Allphin, Harvey	Burkett, A W	Fender, Lena	Hillyer, Eugene J
Anderson, Paul	Burkett, Eber C	Ferguson, Jerry L	Hoard, Vivian
Andrews, Wilborn J	Burkett, Loyal E	Fields, Kate	Hockman, Roscoe
Andrews, E S	Burkett, Mildred	Fisher, Lee	Holman, Asa C
Arnold , Lyle	Burkett, Darwin	Fitzgerald, Alonzo	Holstrum, Ruth J
Asher, Clyce C	Butler, Donald	Fitzjarrald, Donald W	Holt, Anna B
Ashton, Olin	Cailteux, William	Foley, J A	Hough, Vera M
Atchason, Roy	Cameron, Glen	Foster, Omer	Howard, Theo V
Backs, Norman E	Cannon, Donald	Franklin, Roger	Huddleston, E B
Bailey, Ervin	Cantrell, W R	Frazier, Richard	Hurt, Frank L
Bailey, Roland E	Cantrell, Lyman	Freeman, J H	Iffert, Rosa
Baker, Kenneth W	Cantrell, F W	Frutiger, Arthur	Inboden, Forest
Bandy, Wesley	Colborn, W A	Fugate, Charles	Jackson, Clarence
Barnes, William A	Colborn, W L	Fulk, Bertha M	Johnson, Ina
Barrett, Glenn F	Colborn, Claude	Gaskin, Roy	Johnson, Guy L
Bartels, Dorothy	Colborn, George T	Goff, Lyman	Johnson, C C
Bateman, Loy	Colclasure, L J	Goings, C E	Johnson & Snyder,
Baugh, Hervy	Colclasure, Martha	Golden, Laura	Johnston, Wilbur
Beard, Verl	Coleman, Elsie E	Goslee, Russell W	Jones, David
Beccue, Ernest C	Colson, Henry	Gould, Ronald R	Jones, Chester
Bennett, Lee	Colvin, E E	Gragert, Albert	Jorgenson, Ruth
Bible, Cecil	Cook , Della	Griffin, Carlis	K K Construction Co,
Bible Grove Lumber,	Cooley, Larry G	Griffith, Larry L	Kelley, Robert C
Bishop, Audrey	Corry, Earl	Griffith, Nellie	Keyser, Trella R
Blackwell, Stella	Corry, Howard W	Griffith, Jimmie L	Kimpling, Kenneth
Blackwell, Robert L	Cosner, Rolla	Griffy, Delbert	Kinden, Lee
Blair, V A	Cotterell, Freda	Gumbel, Harvey	Koons, C E
Bloemker, Blanche	Cox, Douglas	Gumble, Herman	Koontz, S J
Booker, Harold	Crain, Melvin	Hadden, Ira	Krutsinger, Eugene
Borton, Betty	Crouse, John R	Hagen, Lowell	Krutsinger, Ross
Brackett, Parker	Crouse, George	Hale, Gilbert E	Kuhlig, William
Braden, Lyman S	Dailey, Arthur W	Hale, Levi	Kuhlig, Ralph
Brandt, Leroy H	Dally, Lora	Halfacre, Chester	Kuentler , Lorraine
Branom, Donald J	Daugherty, Isom	Hall, Eva	Lake, Hallie
Branson, Myrna	Daugherty, Don	Hamilton, Edward	Landreth, Paul
Bratton, Olan L	Daugherty, Henry	Hankins, Tom	Laughton, Vida
Britton, Wanda	Davis, Alex	Harper, Elmer	Lawson, Fred J
Brooks, Marvin	Delozier, Norva	Harrell, Ralph	Leach, Merl
Brown, Milton	Devore, Deon	Harrell, John R	Leonberger, Grover C
Brown, Pearl	Dickerson, Gaylen	Hasler, Owen	Levitt, S H
Brown, Lawrence	Dow , Ella	Hasler, Clarence	Lewis, Virgil
Brown, James E	Eagleton, Harry	Hasler, Beatrice	Lewis, Valla
Brugger, Vera	Edwards, Dewey	Hatchett, Clarence	Lewis, Elsie M
Bryan, Ella	Elkin, R R	Hays, Simon	Lewis, Donald E
Bryan, Norva C	Ellis, Pearl	Henderson, Arthur	Lincoln, Clarence
Bryan, M A	Enyart, Minnie	Henderson, Charles R	Livengood, M L
Bryan, John Jr	Erwin, Paul	Henke, John	Logan, Arlie
Buerster, Manuel	Eveland, James	Henson, Lyle	Lowe, John
Bullard, Evelyn	Farmer, T F	Henson, Marshal M	Lowe, Nada
Bumgarner, Clyde	Farrell, Harold H	Henson, Chester	Lucas, Lula M
Burge, E L	Fatheree, Rosa L	Herrick, Ralph	Luttrell, Opal

Lutz, Vera  
 Lybarger, Roy  
 Lybarger, Opal  
 Mangum, C D  
 Mann, R W  
 Markum, Harold J  
 Masters, W H  
 Maxwell, Cora  
 Mcculley, A C  
 Mccullough, Harold  
 Mcdowell, Jack  
 Mcelyea, George  
 Mcelyea, Floyd  
 McGraw, Byron H Jr  
 McGrew, Dwight  
 McGrew, Dewey  
 Mckinney, Mike  
 Meek, Robert  
 Mefford, Anna  
 Melton, R E  
 Miller, Arnold  
 Miller, Vivian  
 Miller, Charles S  
 Mills, Maxine  
 Millsap, Jimmy  
 Mitchel, Lizzie  
 Mitchell, T E  
 Mitchell, Eunice  
 Monical, Herschel  
 Montgomery, Viola  
 Montgomery, Tolbert  
 Moore, Nelson  
 Mulvaney, Mabel  
 Mulvaney, Fred  
 Mulvany, Oren R  
 Mulvany, Ollie  
 Mundell, Nellie  
 Murphy, James T  
 Murphy, Leon  
 Murray, Henry  
 Myers, Herbert E  
 Negley, Robert  
 Newman, George B  
 Newton, J L  
 Noll, Adam  
 Olivier, Edward C  
 Park, Edward G

Parker, Ronald L  
 Parks, Billy  
 Payne, Charleen  
 Payne, Ethel  
 Persinger, Harold  
 Phillips, Robert  
 Phillips, Earl H  
 Phillips, Mary  
 Pickel, Helen  
 Pickel, Cleone  
 Pointer, Farrell  
 Poling, Dewey  
 Poppen, Albert  
 Porter, Wilford  
 Porter, Inez  
 Porter, John  
 Powless, Floyd Jr  
 Prather, Delmer  
 Prather, Emma  
 Pruitt, Arthur  
 Pursell, Nelson  
 Ramsey, Everett  
 Randall, John  
 Randolph, Robert J  
 Ranes, Robert D  
 Rauwolf, A P  
 Reed, N J  
 Reynolds, H H  
 Ricketts, William  
 Rinehart, Beulah  
 Rinnert, Frank  
 Robbins, Sam  
 Robinson, Willie D  
 Robinson, Dean  
 Robison, Harold  
 Rodgers, E D  
 Romine, Mabel J  
 Rowark, Ben  
 Ruckman, Chester  
 Rudolphi, Rosalia  
 Rusk, Dennie M  
 Sapp, Vern  
 Scherer, Everett  
 Schofield, H E  
 Scholz, E H  
 Shaffer, Harold  
 Shields, Bertha

Shirk & Webster,  
 Shirrell, James J  
 Sichling, W A  
 Simmons, Charlie  
 Sinclair, Roy  
 Skinner, Ralph  
 Sloan, Arthur  
 Smith, Don W  
 Smith, Raymond  
 Smith, Imogene  
 Smith, Squire G  
 Smith, Geneva M  
 Smith, Marion  
 Smith, Ruby H  
 Smith, Loren E  
 Smith, Roscoe  
 Snell, Bill  
 Snyder, Minerva  
 Snyder, Ralph  
 Soltwedel, Kenneth  
 Soper, Lois B  
 Spencer, Ray D  
 Stanford, W L  
 Stanford, Robert H  
 Stanley, Elizabeth  
 Stanley, Carl  
 Stanley, Albert  
 Stock, Donna  
 Stoops, Ivan  
 Stoops, Pearl  
 Stover, Ray  
 Sullens, Don  
 Talley, Noble  
 Talley, Frank  
 Taylor, Glen E  
 Taylor, Irene  
 Taylor,  
 Raymond W  
 Taylor,  
 Nathaniel  
 Taylor, Helen  
 Thacker, Paul  
 Thilk, Frances  
 M  
 Thomas, John  
 Thomas, Evelyn  
 Thomas, Lowell

Thompson, Gaylon E  
 Thompson, Andrew  
 Thompson, Thomas  
 Tolliver, George  
 Tolliver, Ronald A  
 Tomblison, Joe  
 Towns, Gene E  
 Traub, Alma A  
 Tully, Pansy  
 Tyner, Thelma  
 Vanmatre, James E  
 Vansickle, Artie  
 Vaultonberg, Lowell W  
 Verdeyen, Albert  
 Wagley, Birch  
 Walker, Carl  
 Walker, Katie  
 Walker, Nellie  
 Walthers, Harvey  
 Wease, John A  
 Weaverest, Glen A  
 Weir, Grace  
 Welton, Harold  
 Williams, Blaine  
 Willis, Claud  
 Wimberly, Charles L  
 Winters, Mayme K  
 Winters, Frank  
 Workman, John  
 Young, Orville  
 Young, Beatrice  
 Young Chapel Church,  
 Zehner, Calvin L  
 Zinke, Opal,

**I**n order to process refunds for capital credit accounts, Clay Electric Co-operative is attempting to contact members, or their heirs, that received electric service during the years 1958 – 1961. Please go to this link <http://www.ceci.coop/content/unclaimed-capital-credits> to view the entire list of unclaimed refunds. If you recognize a name on the list, please let the person know they are due a refund.

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# Youth to Washington Tour

Millie Beland of Flora, Lily Burkett of Flora, Madison Healy of Mason and Lucas Rauch of Ingraham represented Clay Electric Co-operative in Washington, D.C. during the annual “Youth to Washington” Tour, June 9-16. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction to our democratic form of government and cooperatives for rural youth. Luke Johnson, operations manager at Clay Electric, and his wife Jeana were chaperones on the trip.

The students met with Congressman John Shimkus, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, and were among 69 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,730 young leaders from across the country, a record high for the “Youth to Washington” Tour. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents

Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the National Archives, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the Newseum, and several other historical sites.

Juniors in high schools that are within the service area of Clay Electric Co-operative are eligible to participate in the annual program. To learn more about the “Youth to Washington” Tour go to [www.youthtour.coop](http://www.youthtour.coop) or [www.facebook.com/ILYouthtoWashington](https://www.facebook.com/ILYouthtoWashington).



Pictured from left: Luke Johnson, Lucas Rauch, Lily Burkett, Millie Beland, Madison Healy and Jeana Johnson.



**Clay Electric Co-operative office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 to celebrate Labor Day.**