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West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. ~ Serving our members' needs since 1939



CYCLE...West Central's delegate Nathan Arndt (left) of Wellington-Napoleon High School and teammate Colby Snider of Ozark Electric Cooperative, act out their own public service announcement during the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience in Jefferson City. (Inset) CYCLE delegate Lauren Thomas of Kingsville speaks to the group during a leadership activity. Sponsorship to the conference is one of the prizes awarded in WCE's annual Rural Electric Youth Tour competition. Delegates are able to hear phenomenal presentations such as "Rachel's Challenge" and debate their own bill on the floor of the Missouri House of Representatives.

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What makes cooperatives different?

Giving back to their communities is part of their business plan

There are many reasons Concern for Community is one of the Seven Cooperative Principles -- about 42 million of them to be exact. Cooperative members span 47

more million homes, farms, irrigation other by coop- That's per- nation's At Central nearly members families our main That is stay

7th Cooperative Principle

Concern for Community

While focusing on member needs, co-ops work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

states, and than 18 businesses, schools, churches, systems and establish- are served eratives. about 12 cent of the population! West Electric, our 12,000 and their are among concerns. why we involved

with community events, and offer safety presentations to community organizations, school groups and businesses. That is why our employees volunteer for various roles and serve on many boards and committees within their communities. And, that is why we offer youth programs such as the Rural Electric Youth Tour, the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience, and three different scholarship opportunities to our area youth.

Our communities are our livelihood, and our youth are our future. West Central Electric Cooperative is proud to be an active force in our local communities; making them strong and securing our future for years to come.

Co-op Month theme reflects commitment to communities...

Cooperative enterprises build a better world

Cooperatives across the United States will celebrate cooperative enterprise and the contributions cooperatives make to social and economic development this October. In addition, this year, cooperatives and their members prepare to celebrate the International Year of Cooperatives in the year 2012.

The theme of the 2011 celebration and that of the International Year is the same: "Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World." The theme reflects the contributions that cooperatives make to their members and communities.

A cooperative is a member-owned

and controlled business that operates for the mutual benefit of its members. Cooperatives operate across all sectors of the US economy and



include agriculture, food distribution and retailing, childcare, credit unions, purchasing, worker-owned,

housing, healthcare, energy and telecommunications cooperatives. Cooperatives promote the fullest possible participation in the economic and social development of all people.

Cooperatives are a major economic force in developed countries and a powerful business model in developing ones. Worldwide, approximately 1 billion people are members of cooperatives.

The economic activity of the largest 300 cooperatives in the world equals the 10th largest national economy.

To learn more about cooperatives, visit <http://go.coop>.



Stop by WCE's Higginsville or Oak Grove location to pick up your free reflective Halloween treat bag!



When the temperature goes down, instances of animal outages go up ...page 4



Mark Zeikle retires after 31 years at West Central Electric Co-op...page 4

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The following members have capital credit refund checks due them. Checks mailed to the last address on file for these members have been returned. If you can provide a current address for any of the members listed below, or the name of an heir if the member is deceased, please contact Sandy Starke at 1-800-491-3803 or 1-660-584-2131.

Abel, Nancy S	61.71	Boulais, Chris	7.82	Delana, Karen S	46.33	Haggard, David L	10.82
Acl Investments	5.60	Bowie, John	7.92	DeLong, James S Sr	15.42	Hale, James T	40.39
Adams, Larry C	109.15	Bradley, Plez J	5.63	Demint, David E	26.37	Hall, Cindy L	16.05
Adams, Traci	132.34	Brady, Vicki A	38.93	Diamond, David	61.17	Hall, Lawrence M	8.81
Agnew, Wanda B	7.42	Brents, Johnathan L	5.82	Dibens-Davis, Beverly	17.58	Hammond, James K	9.46
Akers, Carl M	21.49	Bristow, Ken	15.49	Dickmeier, Lowell A	54.34	Hancock, Paul	51.21
Alan'S Contracting	5.61	Britton, David	8.19	Dobyns, Robert	5.29	Harned, Robert W	35.21
Alkire, Ronald	11.10	Brockmeyer, David	18.10	Dolan, Todd	8.96	Harp, Bruce	8.16
Alkire, Tyler D	34.20	Brown Gene	26.61	Dombrowski, John J	7.40	Harper, Andy	9.15
Allen, Christopher D	33.16	Brown, Charlene	300.05	Dugger, Douglas R	8.00	Harris, Randy	9.52
Allen, Thomas L	22.75	Brown, Everett L	9.82	Dughtery, Kim	25.47	Hart, Chad E	36.02
Allensworth, Tammy	13.28	Brown, Larry L	350.63	Dunn, Michelle Lee	73.67	Hartle, John D	8.33
Allred, D W	8.35	Brown, Reginald	11.53	Dwyer, Patrick M	42.02	Harvell, Gary W Jr	13.75
Amoco Pipeline Co	597.29	Brown, Taylor A Jr	6.34	Edwards, Goldie	8.28	Harvey, Teressa	8.41
Anderson, Larry	27.50	Bruns, Colleen	46.86	Elder, Larry M Jr	5.19	Hastings, Bob	7.06
Anderson, Tammy	14.65	Bryan, Stephen	14.26	Ellis, Craig J	14.19	Hastings, Robert C	7.52
Angel'S Transmission	56.45	Bryson, Mitchell	7.59	Emily, Russell L	7.15	Hautalla, Michael S	17.08
Ard, Glenna S	27.48	Buck, Gerald	8.62	Emily, Trish	10.78	Hayes, Clyde W Jr	8.37
Armstrong, Andrew	6.85	Bueneman, Thomas J	20.50	Enloe, Betty	5.22	Hayslip, Rhonda	8.05
Atc Tower Corp	9.52	Buie, Chris	21.50	Epperson, Keri J	5.40	Hediberto, Roman Jr	10.24
Austin, Susan	7.73	Bullard, Jared	24.56	Esparza, Mario A	9.01	Hedrick, Clara E	68.63
Bailey, Andre	5.36	Burk, Chad A	26.75	Estes, Terry	9.98	Heffner, Grace E	105.79
Bailey, Walter	27.86	Burnham, Paul A	1.78	Evans, Brent	16.06	Heifer Dev Serv	14.51
Baker, James	26.49	Burris, Barbara	7.26	Evans, Douglas W	15.83	Henchey, Kelli	32.80
Baker, Karlotta	32.90	Burtchell, Dietrich	5.62	Farrow, David Scott	5.98	Hendry, Gregory D	33.67
Baker, Larry	118.85	Burton, David	9.12	Feldhacker, Jamie	23.57	Hernandez, Reymundo	17.21
Baker, Matthew L	13.80	Burton, Robert W	27.18	Ferrazzano, Martha H	6.41	Hertzog, Joe	12.25
Baldwin, Traci	7.84	Butler, Patricia	5.12	Fielder, Willie W	16.42	Hess, Bill D	8.81
Bales, W Wayne	162.99	Butler, Robert W	23.67	Fischer, Christian	5.01	Heun, Paul J	6.76
Ballard, Ronnie	35.86	Byrd, Edward L	8.63	Fitterling, James M	35.66	Heyer, Bill G	91.03
Barclay, Don	12.37	Byrne, Jeana	6.55	Fitzpatrick, Holly D	9.68	Hicklin, June M	8.05
Barlett, Richard D	15.09	C S Wireless Sys. Inc % A/P	61.28	Fitzpatrick, Pamela J	11.52	Hilderbrand, Roger	84.95
Barnell, Michael	5.66	Calhoun, Charles A	13.13	Fitzwater, Marvin E Jr	7.93	Hill, David D	6.01
Barnes, Randy	9.52	Camp, Donald	8.96	Flehart, Todd	11.18	Hillman, Faye	65.86
Barton, Ira D	8.03	Campbell, Dennis D	40.07	Fonseca, Jose	9.29	Hinote, Christopher J	6.60
Bass, Jeremy L	10.47	Campbell, Mark E	5.98	Forcer, Robert C	5.29	Hipps, Andrew V	20.90
Bates, Jeff	6.08	Campbell, Michael	8.85	Forschen, Neiland	14.36	Hoffman, Mark L	33.08
Baumgarden, Rusti	5.86	Cantrell, Cheryl	8.63	Fortner, Nick	5.35	Holbrook, Rick	30.23
Baxter, Ken	5.49	Carr, Gerald A	7.39	Foster, Kathy J	8.39	Holcomb, William	78.80
Baysinger, Tabatha	29.25	Carter, Jamie	5.01	Foster, Robert I	8.09	Holler, Brenda K	10.29
Bean, Brandon	23.14	Cash Advance	7.60	Fowlers Family Auto Of Kn	9.51	Holt, Tricia A	34.52
Beauchamp, Karen	12.89	Casteel, Richard M	14.55	Fox, Anna M	17.65	Homan, Kevin	110.08
Beckman, Brice	9.30	Castro, Andres	5.78	Fox, N. Richard	6.43	Homan, Lloyd Dean	6.06
Bedsworth, Thomas Jr	27.10	Castro, Lynn A	23.35	Frank, Denny	9.61	Howe, W D	5.10
Bell, Christie	20.53	Cates, Dale	9.35	Freeman, James A	51.79	Huffman, Frank	39.57
Benson, Aaron	308.51	Cerra & Sons Const %Ronald	21.20	Frick, Jesse A	47.25	Humphrey, James S	8.84
Benson, Charles Rick	1.19	Chadwick, Stanley R	26.36	Frith, Daniel E	10.82	Humphries, Robert	36.29
Berger, Cyndy	56.38	Chadwick, Stanley R	62.86	Fromm, Scott C	7.79	Humphries, Ronald C	30.15
Billingsley, Vicky A	51.59	Chriss, Glen	8.49	Fullerton Training & Mgmt	19.79	Hunter, Angie	18.60
Binder, Tonya L	6.51	Clark, Logan E	28.99	Galloway, John K	24.33	Hunter, Darron	7.01
Bischoff, Lynn	10.32	Clark, Ronald K	7.29	Garza, Robert J	23.41	Hurless, Wesley	208.17
Bishop, Donna M	11.25	Cleary, Josph R	32.10	Gedert, Rod	6.80	Ingison, Michael J	8.89
Bittle, Harvey	9.77	Cline, John L	21.50	Gentry, Bobby F Sr	202.55	Jackson, Angela	11.77
Black, Thomas S	20.70	Clites, Steve	111.78	Gentzell, Keli J	11.55	Jackson, Gary W	6.83
Blackmore, Debbie L	73.77	Clohessy, Christopher	23.18	Germann, Bradley R	29.31	Jackson, James M	6.11
Blue Springs Bank	18.24	Cogan, Glen	8.89	Gibbs, Michael S	46.56	Jackson, Robert W Estate	36.37
Bly, Fred	39.68	Collier, Marion	7.30	Gibson, Jared	9.23	Jacquay, Justin K	7.63
Bohannon, Aj	103.80	Collins, Jesse T	99.60	Gilbert, Rada	144.83	Jamett, Hellen M	7.48
Bollmeyer, Lisa	36.51	Collins, John E	57.23	Gilbert, Thomas A	144.53	Jansen, Thomas J	9.14
Bond, Warren	33.14	Colvin, Judy M	8.56	Glunt, Paul L	87.15	Jenkins, Thomas	5.01
Boney, Peter R	11.13	Combs, William J Jr	13.46	Gobell, Perry B	6.69	Jinkens, James M	28.89
Boren, Martin S	7.08	Cook, Michael	14.57	Gonzalez, Jesus A	29.88	Johnson, Becky	9.42
Boren, Michael V	10.53	Copenhaver, Jim	16.62	Gordon, Barbara Recca	9.50	Johnson, Brian	6.67
Borland, Jerry R	6.22	Corbett, Lynette	70.19	Gordon, Donald T	17.18	Johnson, Debra G	14.15
Botkin, Amanda	5.66	Corbett, William	40.36	Gould, Stephen S	34.69	Johnson, Jason	10.05
		Cotton, Ernest	38.95	Grant, Andy	5.19	Johnson, Jimmie L	23.00
		Cowle, Craig	45.31	Grant, Katie L	5.84	Johnson, Patricia	60.92
		Cox, Joanie	5.01	Graves, Charles Bracken Ii	21.32	Johnson, Tracy	87.41
		Crabtree, Donald R	22.60	Green, Brian K	12.25	Johnston, Heather	5.42
		Crabtree, Rocky L	36.10	Green, Donald R	38.35	Joiner, Peggy L	5.80
		Curtis, Crissy	40.21	Green, Jesse	11.00	Jones, Jade	6.26
		Curtis, Jone	76.84	Green, Stephen W	51.57	Jones, Keith	108.00
		Cutrufo, Candace N	8.22	Gregg, Alicia	6.16	Jones, Rachel H	9.10
		Daniels, Jo Ellen	10.87	Grelle, Miachel J	20.31	Jones, Tim	6.08
		Danner, Justin L	7.92	Grissell, Earl L	10.50	Jordan, Stan	6.39
		Decker, Ada	44.81	Groom, Charles M	13.52	Joyave, Josph L	29.12
		Degenfelder, Patty	9.61	Guerin, Mark A	7.67	Judd, Clint L	16.06

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Kansas City Capital Project	332.87	Mills, Margie	45.31	Rhinehart, John	63.21	Thompson, John E	8.17
Karangau, Cheryl	34.52	Millsap, Carol	49.55	Rhodes, Curtis	21.08	Thompson, Joy	38.56
Kauffman, Kenny	6.72	Milton, Brenda J	9.13	Ridley Glenn E	37.50	Thompson, Maynard	8.54
Keiley, Corey	13.42	Mohler, Burrell E	75.03	Riley, John D	7.36	Thorley, Barbara	71.08
Keller, Don	5.12	Moncrief, Gregory D	7.75	Ring, Dennis E	45.56	Tillery, Cynthia	6.67
Kelso, Alan A	54.95	Montes, Paul R	6.64	Ring, Randy	123.83	Tinder, Donald D	8.11
Key, Arthur	32.22	Moody, G Eleanor	23.18	Rlds Church	181.52	Tittle, Donald Ray	5.29
Key, David D	13.77	Moore, Cynthia	5.11	Roark, Jackie	14.24	Tomlinson, Jeremy L	9.67
Keys, Richard M	23.06	Moore, Wendy L	5.31	Robb, Kimberly	24.51	Toney, Roy	15.46
King, Brenda J	28.46	Morales, Ivan	30.09	Robinson, Loretta	18.73	Tri State Outdoor Media Inc	11.31
King, David L	15.83	Moreno, Rodolfo	39.82	Rodewald, Greg	56.86	Truesdell, Ray A	60.61
King, Patricia L	16.96	Morgan, Andrew B	8.83	Rogers, Kristina	70.42	Tucker, Gailen	5.88
Kingston, Donald R	7.59	Morgan, Clifford E	9.61	Rohde, David T	5.89	Tucker, Roy	39.00
Kinsley, Ronald	19.66	Morgan, Jan	96.50	Roschevitz, Kevin	15.78	Tunnell, Robert D	86.11
Kirkbride, Michael E	142.21	Morris, Ken E	6.15	Rose, Frank E Jr	18.23	Turner, George L	105.97
Knoblock, Shawn	7.82	Morrow, Megan	6.14	Rose, Harold B	5.76	Turner-Pollard Inc	7.42
Knox, Thomas C	23.81	Mott, Don L	8.61	Ross, Dan	6.75	Tye, James S	114.68
Koch, John J	5.84	Mueller, Audrey B	32.56	Ross, Derrick E	5.94	Tyler, Bert	6.58
Kopp, Henry A	80.54	Munson, Jimmy	138.39	Rowland, Janet A	31.46	Uptegrove, Barry	17.00
Koss, Chas D	72.11	Murphy, Frances J	23.26	Rucker, Marvin W	19.66	Uptegrove, Tom	11.14
Kotalik, Barbara	31.10	Nails, Rodney L	8.56	Runway Auto Salvage	7.43	Usery, Cynthia	5.24
Krause, Brian	10.24	Nash, Brian D	8.53	Rutherford, Leon B	5.66	Valdes, Manuel	11.27
Kriesel, Keith K	8.48	Nave, Jack R	1.08	Ryan, Matthew P	24.60	Van Hooser, Andrew	11.57
Lakey, Charlene	14.64	Neal, Rick	9.60	Saltz, Ervin M Jr	36.70	Vaughn, Debbie J	10.03
Lamison, Charles R	107.08	Neighbors, Sharen K	2.38	Samas, Carolyn S	10.78	Vaughn, E Dion	22.78
Landis, Michael R	114.07	Neitzer, Phyllis	108.07	Sander, Jeff	6.37	Veach, Julianna L	18.05
Lane, Jimmy Dale	7.18	Nelson, Julie A	7.27	Sands, Clark T	27.02	Velaer, Tuesdae	5.86
Langen, Darren	10.88	Nelson, Ronald G	60.11	Savage, Darby	5.59	Velarde, Trudy	10.13
Langen, Joyce	25.30	New Oak Vineyards, Llc	19.04	Schabram, Dennis	11.99	Ventimiglia, Christopher	7.23
Langley, Jerad M	19.09	New, Curtis D	10.50	Schaffer, William S	26.74	Viles, R David Jr	42.17
Langston, Michael H	33.70	Newport, John E	6.76	Schatz, William C	41.67	Waddle, Charles L	5.76
Lankford, Andrew	8.78	Nicholson, Roberta L	6.82	Schick, Jutta R	10.91	Wagner, Charlotte	5.36
Lankford, Jason	19.85	Nicolson, Cory J	34.33	Schmitz, Jeremiah	25.68	Wahwassuck, Raphael Jr	8.20
Lankford, Richard	5.73	Noble, Jake	5.55	Schreier, Verna	0.05	Walker, Christina	15.55
Leath, Leanne M	18.13	Nondorf, David	7.61	Schroeder, Jeff	7.61	Warnes, Jon R	37.24
Lee, Brett	5.85	Novak, Richard	9.11	Schwartz, Gary	12.31	Waters, John M	5.32
Lee, Raymond D	10.19	Nunez, Adolfo	29.07	Schwartz, Paul H	5.90	Watterson, Duane	7.47
Lewman, Mildred E % Jerry	5.55	Nunez, Rigoberto	12.56	Scrivener, Patrick	17.98	Webb, Herbert	36.02
Lewman, Paul K	5.41	Nussbaum, Bobby L	48.31	Seward, Cassie	74.38	Webster, John P	20.14
Lile, Steven K	57.15	Nutty, Jerie L	7.20	Shaw, Troy V	11.29	Wegener, Darrell	9.66
Lincks, Roy	7.68	O'Bara, Frank M	6.55	Shaw, Tyson	5.44	Weis, David D	8.18
Link, Danny	108.51	O'Bara, Lynne A	7.85	Sheil, John H	90.50	Weisenberger, Andrea L	8.79
Linton, Josh R	30.42	O'Dell, Kenneth R	9.69	Shields, Sandy	8.84	Weisenberger, Thomas D	13.04
Locke, Brandon S	17.37	Oden, John C	16.00	Shirley, M. Ryan	8.53	Welch, John D	85.00
Long, Michael A	47.93	O'Dowd, Robert S	5.44	Shoberg, Carl	15.87	West, Lois Anne	5.86
Loredo, Richard	43.87	Onken, Mark H	9.69	Shorter, Christopher M	34.28	Wharton, Lisa	48.05
Loulos, Rick	72.10	Orozco, Grace	5.66	Shroyer, Bruce	14.45	Wheeler, Robert E	8.19
Luff, Richard L	97.68	Osborne, James E	9.25	Shull, Bryan C	64.35	White, Bill	31.25
Lutz, Tracy	7.74	Owen, Charles	72.65	Sikes, Johnie B III	5.35	White, Christopher	41.62
Lynch, Larry Jr	10.79	Page, Leonard A	65.47	Simmons, Charles R	13.43	White, David W	17.87
Lynch, Robert B	38.77	Parker, Ruth L	6.42	Simons, Lewis Carl	6.64	White, Robert	88.97
Lyons, Suzanne	7.41	Parsons, Jason	10.98	Simpson, J L	16.31	Whiteman Park Mhp	14.04
Mabie, Jonathan J	18.05	Peel, Darlene	8.56	Sisco, Larry K	228.31	Whitworth, Karen	10.56
Malcom, Les E	11.34	Peerson, Parker	40.33	Sitzer, Thomas F	47.42	Wilcox, Ruth E	54.38
Mallory, Larry W	37.42	Pendergrass, Michael	23.68	Sivils, Katie V Estate	86.28	Williams, Doanld	30.49
Malone, David G	11.18	Peoples, Bobby G Jr	23.61	Skroh, Greg	6.45	Williams, Gregory	9.53
Marand, Linda	6.20	Perrin, James E	72.54	Skymeadow Development Inc	37.43	Williams, James E	38.67
Marshall, James A	263.82	Perry, Michael R	8.13	Smith, Cody	24.91	Williams, Jim	33.68
Martin, Larry	9.24	Perry, Patrick	7.43	Smith, Darlene	17.97	Williams, Misty	43.25
Masden, Thomas K	16.36	Peters, Bronson M	15.54	Smith, Eric W	6.43	Williams, Scott D	43.92
Mason, Holly	33.33	Peterson, Jeffrey	39.53	Smith, George F Sr	8.86	Williams, Terry	11.27
Mattly, Thomas C	32.52	Peterson, Leland G	161.01	Smith, Kenny	5.45	Williamson, Teresa J	7.11
Maupin, Nicole	6.10	Peterson, Lin J	7.04	Smith, Patricia N	7.25	Willis, Johnny L	6.35
May, Robert C	9.10	Phelps, Jim	8.73	Smith, Rodney David	5.01	Willis, Tamorah L	6.06
Maycock, Shirley A	57.33	Phelps, Thomas L	10.94	Smith, Scott E	8.34	Willis, Timothy K	27.72
Mayfield, Keith	8.29	Phillips, John E	5.75	Smith, William T	21.35	Wilson, Gregory L	48.92
McAlister, Don	120.48	Phillips, Richard N	28.95	Smotherman, Richard	8.88	Wilson, Terry	10.96
Mccabe, Ken D	5.58	Pickett, Connie	7.02	Spears, Bill R	5.66	Wisecup, Ronny L	6.14
McCann, Michelle M	29.26	Pierce, Frank E Jr	6.39	Stallman, Dr Russell	5.09	Withrich, Jason	23.60
Mccloud, Kenneth W	9.57	Plummer, Winifred	8.40	Stark, Elmer	20.87	Womack, Samuel T	6.45
Mccormick, Michael A	6.26	Poe, Greg	67.07	Steidley, Erik	23.73	Woodcock, Heather	9.70
Mcdaniel, James B	2.26	Poland, Amanda	6.09	Steinmetz, Martin	8.50	Wostenberg, Rodney	20.94
Mcfarland, Michael	42.72	Polen, Regina	8.26	Steinmeyer, Kurt	27.71	Wright, Brandon J	5.71
Megonnigil, Benjamin J	9.37	Polen, Thomas L	8.26	Stevenson, Clifford	67.65	Wright, Clifford L	5.28
Mchenry, Tammy A	7.76	Pool, Jason	15.51	Steverson, Andre	6.54	Wright, Norman	6.70
McKinnis, Marzett L	9.11	Potter, James L	5.30	Stewart, Ashley N	21.15	Wright, Vicki	7.33
McWhorter, Kelliann	8.29	Pratt, Julie R	33.65	Stockdall, Tom	23.96	Wymer, Kathryn L	28.91
Meddock, Dawn M	6.55	Price, Claude	5.25	Stodghill, Robert	10.09	Wynn, Heather Marie	10.87
Medlin, Gordon	44.19	Price, Harold	85.70	Stohs, Amy	10.65	Yack, Brenda	7.57
Melson, Jerome F Iii	33.47	Priewe, Grant G	7.01	Stohs, Matt	7.65	Yeager, Nathan	26.35
Melton, Loren H	6.87	Pugh, Gary Estate	75.08	Stork, Chip	6.11	Yoder, Frank E	75.00
Mendez, Marty	6.60	Putt, Amber E	5.99	Storts, Stephen A	5.36	Younce, David	32.92
Mendoza, Brian A	77.19	Quesada, Carlos	5.00	Sullivan, Dave	25.74	Young, David	27.97
Merrick, Janet	7.35	Radford, Linwood	60.84	Surls, Charles D	29.09	Young, Lydia	8.98
Michael, Joann M	6.90	Randall, Richard	38.68	Swain, Gary	8.31	Young, Timothy M	52.99
Michael, Kenneth D	35.59	Ray, Dean	129.73	Sweeny, John	7.36	Yuille, William	44.72
Midkiff, Richard D	12.51	Ray, Michael S	11.37	Tadlock, Scott	5.49	Zahara, Richard J	51.84
Miles, Gary A	10.36	Ray, Rebecca A	6.01	Tadlock, William B	5.22	Zeller, Terry	5.59
Miller, David	145.65	Ray, Rick	8.71	Taunton, Michael W	7.01	Zumwalt, Rae	9.23
Miller, Don	7.32	Reed, Keenan	9.63	Taylor, James R	14.47	Campbell, Jeffrey	9.89
Miller, Gene A	10.90	Reffitt, Robert S	68.05	Taylor, Janet	1.49	Evans, Cheryl K	8.29
Miller, Grace L	69.78	Regan, John J Iv	63.45	Tayman, Craig L	26.89	Findley, Sonya Graves	14.69
Miller, James E	34.19	Reid, Kenneth W. II	28.17	Terrill, Nathan	6.89	Heffner, Dave	41.07
Miller, Matthew A	6.53	Reser, Sandra	5.29	Terry, Melanie A	34.36	Hollon, Wesley E	9.70
Miller, Toni D	8.63	Reynolds, Donald	9.82	Teuscher, Sherman S	13.22	Mesa, Giovanni R	15.23
				Thomas, Angie	5.37	Middaugh, Alyssa	5.18
				Thomas, George R	18.15	Patterson Const%Steve	10.34
				Thomas, Tim	7.49	Pellom, Alex	9.14
				Thompson, Cheryl	53.56	Whitlock, Dennis A	5.32

As the temperature goes down, outages caused by animals go up

Squirrels, birds and, yes, even wasps can be to blame when the power goes out

The air is calm and crisp and the day is clear, when suddenly your power goes off. You wonder what could have caused such a thing. There's not a cloud in the sky.

The bad news is, there doesn't have to be a cloud in the sky or a storm in the air to cause a power outage. Although a number of outages may be caused by high winds blowing tree limbs onto lines, the culprit in the fall of the year is likely to be of the furry or feathery variety.

"When the air begins to turn cold, a lot of times we see an increase in the amount of outages on our system that we can attribute to animals," Line Superintendent Randy Burkeybile said.

The number of outages attributed to animals can increase in the fall when squirrels begin preparing for winter. Squirrels and other animals climb on equipment, such as transformers and fuses, and the equipment shuts down in order to protect the rest of the system.

"The reason these instances sometimes tend to increase in the fall is because the transformers put off heat," Burkeybile said. "Squirrels, raccoons and other animals will climb onto the transformers for warmth, and they get into places they shouldn't be. Before you know it, there is a power outage."

In 2010, animal outages increased from 14 percent in September to more than 35 percent in October. Between September 2010 and August 2011, a total of 120 outages (or nearly 15 percent) were caused by birds or animals.

Animals on the transformers can also cause the monotonous "blinks" that keep the lights off only long enough to force you to have to set every digital clock in the house.

"Even a wasp in the wrong place at the wrong time can blink an entire line," Burkeybile said.

In November 2010, two significant outages just days apart were caused by a bird and a cat. More than 3,200 WCE members lost power when a bird shut down the entire Centerview Substation, and a cat shut down the entire Odessa Substation.

Your cooperative is doing what it can to reduce outages due to animals



Squirrels and other wildlife can cause havoc to an electrical system if they get in the wrong place at the wrong time. Many outages can be attributed to animals and birds, and WCE is taking steps to prevent those from occurring as frequently by installing insulated "bird wire" and wildlife protection devices.

by installing insulated "bird wire" and wildlife protection devices to prevent animals and birds from making contact with electrical equipment. These devices are not only meant to protect the electrical system, but also the birds and animals.

"Wildlife protection devices are a plastic insulating cap that goes over the exposed electrical components on transformers and breakers," Burkeybile said. "We have installed the same insulated wire and wildlife protection devices where we can in our substations, but unfortunately,

there is no way to cover some of the components, which is what happened last fall in the Centerview and Odessa substations."

Your cooperative is working hard to reduce the number of outages experienced by our members. **When calling in an electrical outage, please be sure to have your map number available. It can be found under the "service information" section located in the center of your billing statement.** Outages may be reported at 800-491-3803 or 660-584-2131.



Wildlife protection devices like these seen above help to prevent the occurrence of birds and animals causing power outages. The devices are plastic insulating caps that cover the exposed electrical components on transformers and breakers.

Derek Cole joins WCE brush crew

West Central Electric General Manager Mike Gray has announced the addition of Higginsville native Derek Cole to the cooperative's brush crew.

Cole said he is looking forward to a career with the cooperative.

As a member of the brush crew, Cole will work to keep cooperative right-of-ways clear.



Cole



Zeikle

Zeikle retires after 31 years at West Central

When he joined the ranks of West Central Electric Cooperative in 1980, Mark Zeikle assisted the cooperative mechanic and helped with right-of-way maintenance. After 31 years, the past 10 as manager of operations, Zeikle has retired.

"There have been so many changes in the electric industry in the past 30 years that it is almost like a completely different profession today," Zeikle said upon receiving his 30-year service award in 2010. "I was fortunate to have been able to join the cooperative world at a young age."

Through the years, Zeikle worked his way through the ranks of apprentice lineman, journeyman lineman and line foreman, before accepting the position of assistant manager of operations in April 2001. In June of that year, he moved into the manager of operations position.

Zeikle and his wife, Janice, live in Higginsville and have three sons and three grandchildren.

