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Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

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Friend of Cooperatives Award

On Oct. 22, RECC Attorney Jerry Tice received the Friend of Cooperatives Award during the scheduled monthly board meeting. The Illinois Cooperative Council award recognizes those who have demonstrated exceptional involvement in cooperative matters. Jerry was selected because of his dedication to helping cooperatives solve complicated legal problems. Attorney Tice is known for his attention-to-detail, innovation and ability to communicate complex subject matter in an understandable way.

Tice has been RECC's cooperative attorney since 1996. He has also worked with most Illinois electric cooperatives and the statewide association in Springfield. Jerry has advised on a wide variety of co-op legal issues such as franchise agreements, service area agreements, territorial boundaries and the Electric Supplier Act. His career contributions have made him a friend of the cooperatives.

Tice is a long-standing member of the firm Grosboll, Becker, Tice & Barr. He is a graduate of the



Chairman Mel Repscher, Attorney Jerry Tice and Nancy McDonald, from the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, presents the Friend of Cooperatives Award.

University of Illinois College of Agriculture and the University of Illinois College of Law. Tice is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Petersburg

Rotary Club. He is married to Janene and they have three children – Neil, Mark, and Julie and have three granddaughters.

**Office will be closed on
December 25 and January 1, 2020.**



Is the time right to replace your geothermal?



The log home was constructed in 1992 and included a Water Furnace HVAC system

Dan McCallum pictured above



Geothermals New or replacement

30% Federal tax credit in 2019 & 2020

Receive a rebate of \$250 from RECC

Qualifies for 7.5 cent Dual Meter rate with electric water heater



Lebeck Refrigeration's Gunner Remlinger replaced the geothermal

Gunner is pictured here with a new Climate Master

Auburn Homecoming Parade



Travis Boylen, Becky Grossner, and Aubrie Megginson



RECC participated in five parades in 2019 and we would like to thank each of those communities for welcoming us



Fin Grossner and Zeiger Boylen ride



Aubrie Megginson walks with Coy and Becky Grossner

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Survey shows co-op perception getting stronger

Members across the country are increasingly satisfied with the performance of their electric cooperatives and more than ever before see them as trusted information sources and partners in keeping energy costs low.

The survey found 5-point jumps over 2018 numbers in respondents who say their electric co-op keeps them informed about its actions (84 percent) and is a trusted source for information about energy use and devices, including solar (83 percent). It also recorded a 10-point boost over 2018 in consumer-members who say their co-op is a partner in understanding energy technologies and controlling electricity costs (83 percent).

Other data shows co-ops holding steady with prior surveys on

overall job performance (93 percent positive), providing reliable service (95 percent positive), and quickly restoring service after outages (92 percent positive).

Most respondents (56 percent) say their household electric bills are "about right" or "a bit low" versus 41 percent who say their bills are "too high." Fifty-seven percent say they would be loyal to their co-op even if allowed to choose a provider whose "price is slightly lower." Even more (69 percent) would be loyal to the co-op over a competitor with no price difference. Despite reports of economic troubles in rural America, 75 percent of those who described themselves as "rural" say their local economy is strong. www.electric.coop



IEC Memorial Scholarships available

Twelve \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2020 through the Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Program.

- 6 scholarships awarded to students who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members.
- 4 scholarships for students enrolling full time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.
- 1 Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric co-op employee or director.
- 1 LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship awarded to a student attending lineworker school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL.

Deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2019. The lineworker scholarship deadline is April 30, 2020. For more information, go to <http://aiec.coop/aiec-scholarship/>