

Boone Electric Cooperative's

Annual Meeting of Members

Friday, July 9
Boone County Fairgrounds



Schedule of Events

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Free barbecue or
fried chicken meal

4:30 - 8 p.m.
Kids carnival
and petting zoo

5 - 6 p.m.
Entertainment by
Strictly Country

6:45 p.m.
Business Meeting

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Changes, Changes, Changes

Be aware of these changes to Annual Meeting, effective this year:

- * Business meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.
- * Each attendee will be allowed only one meal ticket and tickets will only be given to people in attendance.
- * Members in need of carry-out meals may return to the line at 6:30 p.m., as the food supply lasts.

Don't miss your chance to win \$500
or \$250 in free electricity.

Boone Electric Cooperative will be closed Monday, July 5,
in observance of America's Independence Day.

Member Information

Community Support Programs You Can Add to Your Bill

Operation Round-Up

Helps fund the Boone Electric Community Trust, which provides financial assistance to charitable organizations in BEC's service territory.

C.A.S.H.

Provides utility assistance to low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Funds administered by City/County Health Department.

H.E.L.P.

Provides utility assistance to low-income families with children. Funds administered by City/County Health Department.



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Youth Tour 2010

Ten high school finalists compete for an educational trip to Washington, D.C. and for scholarship money.

Boone Electric Cooperative sends four high school juniors to Washington, D.C. this month to participate in Youth Tour, a national program through NRECA to educate students on both electricity and government.

Rachel Wildhaber, Leah Haes, Dustin Stanton and Zach Wehmeyer were four of 10 students to be chosen as finalists following an initial application process. The finalists met with a panel of judges and were asked questions regarding cooperatives in general and Boone Electric Cooperative in particular.

The four students headed to Washington, D.C. earned the highest combined scores from the application and interview.

With four Youth Tour winners in 2010, Boone Electric has sent 133 students to our nation's capital through the Youth Tour program over the past 32 years.

Six students each receive a \$250 scholarship to use toward higher education. Scholarship winners are Grace Priest, Emily Schweikert, Lauren Liegey, Shirley LeBlanc, Jimmy Hunter and John Brooks.

Three high school sophomores will attend a similar program in Jefferson City next month. CYCLE is similar to Youth Tour, only on a state level. Marina Steinhauer, Myah McCrary and Josh Canaday are this year's CYCLE delegates.

CYCLE delegates are, left to right, Marina Steinhauer, Hickman; Myah McCrary, Hickman; and Josh Canaday, Southern Boone.



Traveling to Washington D.C. this month as Youth Tour Delegates are, left to right, Dustin Stanton, Centralia; Rachel Wildhaber, Hickman; Leah Haes, Southern Boone; and Zach Wehmeyer, Hallsville.



Scholarship winners were, left to right, Lauren Liegey, Centralia; Emily Schweikert, home school; John Brooks, Hickman; Grace Priest, Rock Bridge; and Jimmy Hunter, Rock Bridge. Not pictured is Shirley LeBlanc, Harrisburg.



Celebrating Arbor Day

Boone Electric Cooperative recognizes national tree-planting day with two area schools.



Derby Ridge kindergartners help plant a snow drift crabapple tree on school grounds to commemorate Arbor Day 2010.

Boone Electric Cooperative celebrated Arbor Day with students from Sunnydale Academy in Centralia and Derby Ridge Elementary in Columbia.

This is the sixth year the cooperative has marked Arbor Day at area schools. Each year members of BEC's Right-of-Way Department plant a tree on school grounds, then offer saplings for the students to plant in their own yards.

Elementary students at Sunnydale Academy helped plant a redbud tree on their school grounds. Each student then received a dogwood sapling to plant.

Derby Ridge kindergartners planted a snow drift crabapple tree outside the classrooms at their school. Each student at Derby Ridge also took home a dogwood sapling.

Over the six years, the cooperative has distributed more than 1,000 saplings to school children throughout the service territory.

Cooperative employees also discuss safety with the students, telling them to avoid climbing trees or playing in tree houses that are near power lines. Following the safety discussion, a cooperative tree trimmer offers a demonstration with the bucket truck the crews use to trim trees.

Boone Electric participates in Arbor Day celebrations with local students for two main reasons. First of all, the cooperative has an obligation to provide safety information, especially to young people. Secondly, the school visits, tree plantings and sapling handouts help the cooperative meet the requirements to remain a Tree Line USA utility through the National Arbor Day Foundation.



BEC Tree Trimmer Lori Turner provides a dogwood sapling to a Sunnydale Academy student.



Students at Sunnydale Academy Elementary planted a redbud tree at their school.

A Special Thank You to One of Our Own

BEC's Assistant General Manager Al Lynch retires this month after serving you for 33 years.



Todd Culley
General Manager/
CEO

Boone Electric Cooperative loses one of its finest this month. Assistant General Manager Al Lynch retires after 33 years of service to the members.

I can't tell you how helpful and welcoming Al was to me when I came to BEC in 2007. My tenure with Al has been short, but I can say without hesitation that he has always put the members first. Let me give you a brief history of Al's contributions:

Al Lynch came to Boone Electric as the director of member services in 1977. He already had nearly 13 years of utility experience with Columbia Water & Light (CW&L) prior to coming to BEC.

As director of member services, Al performed energy audits and meter tests, plus supervised BEC's meter readers. During this time Al instigated BEC's involvement in the Youth Tour contest that annually sends high school students to Washington, D.C. Over Al's watch, the cooperative has sent 133 students to Washington. He has tallied the scores at every one of the 32 Youth Tour banquets through the years.

In 1979, Al became the staff assistant to BEC GM Bob Alderson, then added office manager to his list of duties and finally a title change to assistant general manager. During this time he also managed cooperative maintenance and groundskeeping.

In 1981 Boone "loaned" Al to Howard Electric Cooperative in Fayette to serve as interim general manager while the Howard board searched for a new general manager. For six months he spent each morning at Howard Electric before coming to Boone Electric in the afternoon.

Al was pivotal in discussions that led to a territorial agreement signed in 1988 with CW&L, the first of its kind between a municipal or investor-owned utility and a cooperative in the state of Missouri. BEC's arrangement with the City of Columbia served as a roadmap for other electric cooperatives in the state and nation. It's in large part because of Al that the co-op has an excellent partnership with CW&L that will benefit both utilities well into the future.

Al worked closely with the Boone County Regional Sewer District and as BEC's representative to the executive committee on the cooperative's propane subsidiary. Over the past few years he has worked



Al has been a fixture at the Touchstone Energy Nights at the Ballgame since their beginning in 2003.

with a number of companies that opened businesses now served by the cooperative, balancing the energy demand the new business would bring to our system with the energy load the cooperative already carried. It is my goal to retain Al as an intermittent "independent contractor" over the next 18 months to provide special project support.

Another of Al's passions is First Chance For Children, a group he worked with for more than a decade, first on the board of directors and now as an advisor to the board. First Chance for Children is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to building an early education system that helps every child in Boone County arrive at kindergarten ready to succeed. In honor of Al's recent retirement, BEC has developed a scholarship in his name to be administered by the First Chance for Children organization.

Al has a sincere dedication to the Boone Electric membership. He consistently kept the members in mind in any discussion of rates, policy changes or budgeting. He has been a fixture at cooperative events, like the Touchstone Energy Nights at the Ballgame. It will be difficult to fill his shoes.

"When I started here, Boone Electric served about 12,000 meters," Al remembers. "The growth of our system has been exponential. The education and training level of our employees is incredible, too.

"Boone Electric Cooperative has been good to me," he continues. "I've loved what I've done and owe the cooperative a lot. They've given me a good life."

No more than what you have given Boone Electric and its members, Al. We thank you for your dedication and wish you nothing but the best.



Touchstone Energy

Boone Electric Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy, a national alliance of local, member-owned electric cooperatives providing a high standard of service to customers large and small.

In order to qualify as a Touchstone Energy partner, electric cooperatives must be active members of their community and be dedicated to serving all customers with integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to their community.