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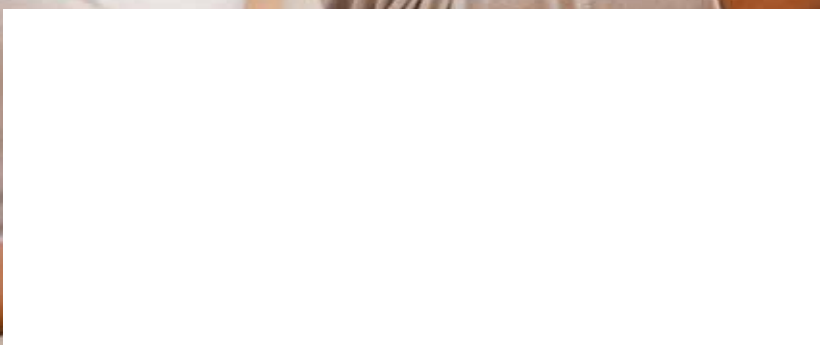
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Is a comeback for **nuclear power** just around the corner?

Think small to trim kitchen energy bills

Low-fat recipes from co-op cooks don't give up on taste



Plan now to vote at the CVEC Annual Meeting next month!

Four directors' terms will expire at the Annual Meeting of Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., on Sept. 12, 2009. A slate of eight candidates for four positions was submitted by the Nominating Committee chaired by Joe Cross. Other members of the committee were Jan Haselhuhn, Jim Hoven, Dean Lathrop, Joyce McCoy, Rex Peterson, John Sellers Jr. and Roger Wells. The committee met on June 18, 2009.

The eight candidates nominated for election are shown here. Additional nominations may be made by written petition over the signatures of any 15 or more members. Bylaws of the cooperative provide that such petitions must be filed not less than 30 days prior to the meeting at which the directors will be elected, in this case by August 12.

Following the nomination deadline, an official notice will be mailed to all members, along with a ballot. Ballots are to be returned by mail or deposited in the ballot box at the Annual Meeting.

Exercise your rights as a member and vote during the director elections!



District 1

Appanoose County Virgil "Bill" Moore, incumbent, and his wife, Janice, live at 14634 Highway J18, near Melrose. The Moores

have a livestock farming operation in Independence Township. A co-op member since 1956, Bill is completing 27 years of service on the CVEC Board of Directors.

Moore served as a director for CVEC on Southern Iowa Services, LLC, served nine years on the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives Board of Directors and at present is serving on the state Government Relations Committee. Bill is also past president of the co-op.

A producer of registered Angus cattle, he holds membership in the state and national Angus Breeders Associations and the local Farm Bureau. Bill is a former 4-H leader and is a past member of the Moravia School Board. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, he is a member of the American Legion.

The Moores are parents of four children – Douglas, Suzanne, Julia and James; they are also the grandparents of eight.

What Bill enjoys most about serving on the Board of Directors is working with the manager and other board members to assure the membership of continued reliable service at a reasonable rate.



Stanley Bostwick and his wife, Teresa, live at 14185 565th Street,

Numa, and have two children, Vincent (deceased)

and Melanie. Stanley farms 96 acres in Appanoose County and is also a cabinetmaker.

He has been a member of the co-op for 18 years. He has served as a Franklin Township Trustee for 10 years and Commander for the American Legion Post 180 in Seymour.

When we inquired of Stanley as to why he would like to become a director of CVEC, he stated, "I feel that one of the most important issues we face today and in the future is energy. It is the force that drives our economy and affects the ability for each of us to progress and grow, be it a business, farm or home. As a customer, I am concerned with the cost and ability to get electricity from a local source at a fair price."

District 2

Monroe County, except Albia City Limits; Davis and Wapello Counties



Charles Jacobs, incumbent, and his wife, Betty Arlene, reside at 6867 205th Trail, Albia. They farm 415 acres in a diversified farming operation in Monroe

County, Mantua Township.

A member of the co-op's board of directors for nine years, Charles is also a member of the Farm Bureau, Monroe County Cattlemen and the Monroe County Fair Board. He served on the Extension Council, was a 4-H leader for 15 years and the County Fair Swine Superintendent, is member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the Lads & Lassies Square Dance Club and is a Korean Conflict veteran.

The Jacobs have three children – Sheila, Mark and John – plus five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

William "Bill" Topp resides at 6796 260th Place, Albia, with his wife, Judith, and daughter, Lindsey. Born and raised on a farm in Hardin County, he



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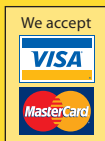
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has owned and operated farms in Appanoose, Monroe, Lucas, Wayne and Hardin Counties. He has been a member of CVEC for more than 32 years.

Bill graduated from Iowa State University; his studies in Ag Engineering involved the distribution and use of electric power in rural life and agriculture. In addition, he worked at Cargill Corn Milling in Eddyville for approximately 10 years; while there, he was involved with the management and use of high-voltage electric power in a heavy industrial setting.

"I have knowledge and experience that would be valuable to Chariton Valley Electric," says Topp. "My experience would help CVEC deal with future challenges being presented by today's rapidly changing energy environment."

District 3

Wayne County



Keith Arnold, incumbent, and his wife, Phyllis Ann, reside at 2606 Robin Road, Corydon. The couple has two children, Richard Alvin and Joan Kay.

CVEC has provided the Arnolds with electricity for 41 years.

Arnold runs a 280-acre operation in Union Township of Wayne County. In his spare time, Keith enjoys attending livestock auctions.



John Sellers Jr. lives at 1458 160th Street, Corydon, with his wife, Jean; they have two sons, Charles and Travis. John has a 240-acre farm, management

intensive grazing and cow/calf operation in Union Township of Wayne County. He has relied on CVEC electricity for more than 39 years.

John serves as an advisory board member for the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture and also is involved with Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee, Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District and Rathbun Land and Water Alliance.

John stated he would like to become a director at CVEC because, "I have been involved in energy policy and issues for several years and am proud of our cooperative. I would like to contribute time and expertise to the cooperative during this time of policy change."

District 5

Albia City Limits



Richard Coltrain, incumbent, resides at 803 North F Street, Albia, and has been a resident of the city for 41 years. Richard owns and operates Coltrain Implement

– a farm equipment dealership, Albia Mini Storage and a U-haul business.

Coltrain recently became a Certified Cooperative Director after meeting training and education program requirements. He is past president of the CVEC Board of Directors and recently was elected to the board of Northeast Electric Power.

Coltrain was inducted into the Albia Hall of Fame in 1996 and the Ag Hall of Fame in 2001. In 2007, he was presented with the Merit Service Award. He has served on the Albia Chamber of Commerce board and for many years cochaired the Albia High School Rodeo and the Monroe County Fair. He has been involved actively in many other community projects and currently is serving as secretary for Albia Industrial Development Corporation.

In his spare time, Richard enjoys restoring old muscle cars, riding motorcycles, playing golf and, most of all, his grandkids. Richard has two daughters – Sherri Selvy of Albia and Susan Horan of Naperville, Ill. – and five grandchildren.

Richard remarked, "I feel with the new challenges brought on by the recent climate change legislation this is the most critical time in the history of rural electric cooperatives. I am committed to provide leadership and support to face unprecedented changes coming to the electric industry – and look forward to representing the membership and appreciate the trust they have placed in me."



Jan Haselhuhn lives at 20 South 13th Street, Albia, along with his wife, Robin, and their three children, Lyndon, Caleb and Allyson. Jan's livelihood is in construction and he has been a member of CVEC for 25 years. In addition, he has served on the Albia City Council for more than 11 years.

When we inquired as to why Jan would like to become a director of the cooperative, he stated, "I think the board needs a younger businessman on it to get another view of what our electric needs are."

EDITOR'S CHOICE CONTEST

Win a set of four smoke detectors



We're going give away a selection of four First Alert smoke and fire alarms to one lucky electric co-op member. To register, go to the Editor's Choice Contest at the *Living with Energy in Iowa* Web site (www.livingwithenergyiowa.com) and fill out the entry form by August 31, 2009. We'll pick the winner's name at random from all the entries received and publish it in an upcoming issue. Please note that the purpose of this contest is to encourage you to visit our Web site and that we cannot accept entries by any other means. In addition, you can enter each contest only once, there is no obligation associated with entering this contest and we do not share contestants' names or entry information.

Office Closing

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 7, to observe the Labor Day holiday.

Local youth question Iowa's lawmakers about policies

Energy and environmental policies topped the list of issues that participants in the 2009 Iowa Electric Cooperatives' Youth Tour of Washington, D.C., discussed with the members of Iowa's congressional delegation last month.

Chelsea LaRue and Sara Beary represented Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., on the trip and were two of

39 high school students and graduates from the state who participated in the event June 13-18. The Iowa students were joined by nearly 1,500 students from around the country for the annual event, which was organized by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Iowa's students met with Iowa Sens. Grassley and Harkin, in addition to



Chelsea LaRue (left) and Sara Beary

meetin with Iowa members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Students asked the senators and representatives questions about taxes, Social Security, the economy, the environment, energy, legalization of controlled substances to raise revenue for the government and internships in Washington, D.C. Responses on the issues varied among the legislators, but there was a common thread running throughout their comments on energy and environmental policies: doing what's best for the environment, without harming the economy.

In addition to meeting with the members of Congress who serve them, students also had time to explore the memorials, monuments and other attractions of the nation's capital during their visit.

Congratulations, Thad and Mike!

Thad DeMoss and Mike Gibler have completed the Apprentice Lineman Program, and each is eligible to become a first-class lineman. Both men began their employment with CVEC, during 1998. The cooperative is proud of their hard work and dedication!



Thad DeMoss (top) and Mike Gibler (bottom) received their Lineman Certificates from CVEC's operations manager, Bryon Stilley.



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