



# 81st ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 14th

*PORTA High School, Petersburg*

5 GREAT Reasons to Join Us

1

**G**rilled pork chop dinner sound good? Bring the family and let us serve dinner with all the fixings. Members rave about the meal, prepared by the Mason County Pork Producers, every year!

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**R**ecieve a \$15 bill credit and attendance gift – one for each registered membership.

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**E**ntertain the kiddos with face painting and balloon twisting, and join them for a bucket truck ride (weather permitting).

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**A**ttend the business meeting to do your duty as a member by voting for the election of directors and a bylaw change; learning more about your co-op from General Manager Alisha Anker and Board President D. Jay Frye; and meeting your employees and directors.

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**T**wenty \$50 Bill Credit prizes are available, and you could win one! The Grand Prize will be an Amazon Echo with a smart home technology accessory package.



Stay tuned to 

Visit [www.facebook.com/MenardElectric](http://www.facebook.com/MenardElectric) for details leading up to the event!

Check out

Your Official Notice for more details and remember to bring the Registration Card located on the back cover to the meeting.



# HAVEN'T DOWNLOADED OUR MyMEC APP YET?

## Reason #1:

### *I haven't had an outage recently*

When a summer storm hits and your power is out might not be the best time to download and set up a new app. Most power outages don't happen at convenient times; download the app now before you need it. You can use the app to report outages, check our outage map if you're away from home to see if your area has outage reports, and more.

## Reason #2:

### *I don't need it*

If you like calling in your outage, you are certainly welcome to continue doing so. But during large outages, our

members sometimes get a busy signal, and we know how frustrating that can be. A few clicks on the MyMEC app and you'll know we are aware of your outage. It will often be faster and more convenient than a phone call. It's the quickest way to get outage information to our crews out in the field.

We encourage all of our members who use a smartphone or tablet to download and give the app a try.

## Reason #3:

### *I don't know how*

Search for Menard Outage in the Google Play or App store on your mobile phone or tablet. You'll find the MyMEC App available for a free download. We

know technology can sometimes be tricky. We are happy to help, just give us a call if you have trouble, or look for the MyMEC table at the Annual Meeting on June 14.



## Power to Your Community For Your Community

"I get my power from my co-op so I can put my energy into waking up the neighborhood. Co-op members aren't just customers, they're family, working together to create a different kind of energy network, one that puts members first."

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## Three local students awarded the Youth to Washington Scholarship



**Noah Krause**



**Dalton Pieper**



**Jared Owens**

Noah Krause of Kilbourne, son of Dean and Julie Krause, is a recent graduate of Illini Central High School in Mason City. Noah was awarded a \$500 scholarship to a community college and plans to study agricultural business management at Illinois Central Community College in East Peoria.

Dalton Pieper of Petersburg, son of David and Nicole Pieper, is a recent grad of PORTA High School in Petersburg. Dalton was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship to a four-year university and plans to attend Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in the fall to study pharmacology.

Jared Owens of Sherman, son of Doug and Melissa Owens, recently graduated from Williamsville High School. Jared was awarded a \$500 scholarship and plans to study mechanical engineering at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Jared was also chosen as the Youth to Washington Ambassador for Menard Electric.

He will travel to Washington, D.C. with 60 other Illinois students this month to meet with Illinois congressmen, senators and their staffs, tour historical sites, learn about co-ops, and much more.

**“The board of directors voted to change our Youth to Washington Program this year to include these three scholarships for high school seniors whose parent/guardian is a member of Menard Electric. It’s part of our founding principle of commitment to community. Menard Electric is pleased to play at least a small part in helping these three young men to reach their future goals. Members who will have high school seniors next fall should keep an eye out for scholarship materials to be publicized here, on our website and Facebook pages, and in school guidance counselor offices by early next year.”**

**- Director of Member Services Trish Michels.**






# Board highlights

For full minutes visit [www.menard.com](http://www.menard.com) or contact the office.

March 27, 2018

- Present were Directors Jay Frye, Warren Goetsch, Gary Martin, Donald McMillan, Michael Patrick, Dennis Ryan, Roy Seaney, Jodine Tate & Steven Worner, Manager Alisha Anker & Attorney Charles Smith.
- Anker: Reviewed balance sheet, budget, long term debt schedule, rebate, surge protection, safety, outage, operations, irrigation, security & capital credit estate reports.
- Anker: Reviewed member newsletter, trivia night plans & No Barriers program.
- Anker: Discussed Sharing Success Program request from New Salem Theater in the Park for lighting & technical upgrades; gave status of Mason County Fair's lighting installation.
- Anker: Discussed territorial dispute with Village of Riverton & village's action to annex certain co-op territory.
- Anker: Discussed winners of Youth to Washington Scholarship Program.
- Anker: Gave February financial report. Year to date margins (\$240,163) compared to \$47,375 last year. End of February equity 38.86%. Served 10,886 member accounts. Net utility plant \$47,853,345 compared to \$46,043,860 last year. Co-op meets requirements of RUS, FFB, NRCFC & CoBank.
- Patrick: Discussed 2018 Annual Meeting plans.
- Goetsch: Reported on AIEC Activities.
- Martin: Gave Prairie Power, Inc. report. Board appointed Martin & Anker as Directors/Annual Meeting Delegates & Worner as Alternate Director.
- Reviewed NRECA Annual Meeting.
- Board entered into executive session; reconvened.



## Keep it simple!

For the ultimate in convenience combine Budget Billing and Automatic Payment.

With Budget Billing, you'll pay the same amount each month for 11 months then receive a credit or amount due each June, depending on your usage for the year.

Combine that with automatic payment and that consistent amount will be automatically deducted from your bank account on the 17th each month.

You'll be able to rest easy without any worries of a surprise higher bill due to extreme cold or heat, or late fees due to a forgotten payment or delayed mail.

Keep it simple! Call the office to sign up for budget billing and fill out the back of your payment stub for automatic payment.

# Summer Energy-Saving Tips

*Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills.*

*Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!*

## NO-COST TIPS



Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



## LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free illumination.



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## Registration

**4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

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\$15 bill credit  
Attendance gift

## Tim the Twister & Sunshyne the Clown

**4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

Balloon twisting & face painting fun!

## Bucket Truck Rides

**4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

*Weather permitting*  
Get a bird's eye view - it's an experience  
you don't want to miss!

## Pork Chop Dinner

**4:30 – 6:45 p.m.**

Mason County Pork Producers  
always cook a fantastic meal!

*Pre-meeting  
song stylings  
by Bob Kuhns*

## Business Meeting

**7:00 p.m.**

President, Manager, & Treasurer Reports  
Director Election  
Bylaw Vote  
Other Business

## Prizes

**7:30 p.m.**

Win one of 20 \$50 bill credits  
& the Grand Prize of an Amazon  
Echo with a smart home technology  
accessory package.

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