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JULY CALENDAR

July 4th: **Office Closed**

July 6th: National Fried Chicken

July 17th: National Ice Cream Day

July 24th: National Parents' Day

July 29th: National Chicken Wing Day

July 30th: (see page 4)

UPCOMING

Sept. 5th: Office Closed - Labor Day

Holidays observed:

New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, day following Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.



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COME SEE US AT THE FAIR

MJM WILL BE AT THE JERSEY COUNTY FAIR



JULY 12 -17

We hope to see you out at the Jersey County Fair this year! We will have an electric safety demonstration and some giveaways for our members that stop in and say hi.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



MJM OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, July 4th 2022



CONGRATULATIONS!

WILLIAM HEYEN RETIRES FROM MJM BOARD OF DIRECTORS



William (Bill) Heyen has served on the MJM Board of Directors for 36 years! He served District 6 for the duration and as the Board Secretary for many years. Pictured above is Bill (center), receiving a plaque of recognition and appreciation for his years of service on the MJM Board of Directors from Board Chairman, Kay Schultz (left) and MJM CEO/President, Joe Heyen (right). Congratulations and thank you Bill!

JESSE KILLAM PROMOTED TO JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN



Congratulations to Jesse Killam of Girard, IL!

Jesse was promoted to Journeyman Lineman as of June 4th after completing a four-year apprentice program that was coordinated through the AIEC and Northwest Lineman's College.

We celebrate Jesse's accomplishment and are glad to have Jesse as a part of the MJM team!

CEO/President Joe Heyen presents Jesse Killam with his certificate of completion



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FIREWORK DISPLAYS:



JULY 2nd:

Carlinville (Fair Grounds) - 9:30pm

Grafton - 10pm

JULY 3rd:

Alton (Riverfront) - 9:30pm

JULY 4th:

Litchfield (Lake Lou Yaeger) - 9:20pm

Jerseyville (American Legion) - Dusk

Wilsonville - 9pm



PLEASE RECYCLE



JULY HIGHLIGHT: TREEHOUSE WILDLIFE CENTER

BALD EAGLES AND OTHER RESCUED REGIONAL WILDLIFE



TreeHouse is situated on 8 1/2 peaceful acres between Alton and Grafton, IL in the quiet town of Dow. They provide a professional community service to people in central and southern Illinois who encounter sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife.

TreeHouse Wildlife Center does not receive government funding. Rather, they operate on the kind donations of visitors and supporters, fundraisers, grants, and education program fees.

They invite you to tour the center and learn about the work they are committed to and passionate about.



SPUDS



HOPE

All of TreeHouse's permanent resident birds and mammals are native rescues who were injured in a way that prevented them from being able to return to the wild. (Photos by Treehouse Wildlife Center)

UPCOMING EVENT: CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July 30, 2022 - 10am-4pm
at TreeHouse Wildlife Center

TreeHouse is happy to announce a new event. They are hosting Christmas in July! They will have crafts and activities, information about helping wildlife through the winter season, get a start on your shopping season with artisan vendors selling fall and winter items, 1st every inventory clearance sale in the Gift Shop, and much more. This is a **free** to attend event filled with fun and shopping for everyone.

For more information, call (618) 466-2990. More information to come.

<https://www.treehousewildlifecenter.com/visit-us>

OPEN DAILY: 10a - 4p

23956 Green Acres Rd. Dow, IL 62022

618-466-2990



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AUSTIN MEISSNER: CAPACITOR STUDY PROJECT



19-year-old University of Illinois student Austin Meissner was at MJM Headquarters for a week in June to run a special project, a capacitor study. This study will help us to see areas within our system we can adjust to maximize efficiency.

Austin was born in Princeton, IL and raised in Hudson, IL (near Bloomington). He is the son of Alan Meissner, who is the Planning Engineer at Corn Belt Electric Cooperative. Currently Austin is studying Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and is doing these capacitor studies to gain experience in that field of study.

A capacitor's main function is to store energy in the form of an electrostatic field between its plates. During this analysis project, Austin was looking for the best locations and sizes of capacitors, so we could determine how best to improve power factor in our system. MJM would like to thank Austin for helping us with this project and wish him success in his future Engineering studies.

BUTLER SUBSTATION UPGRADES:



Mobile Substation being delivered from Wabash Valley.

The Butler Substation is currently going through an upgrade that began at the end of May. The mobile substation from our power provider, Wabash Valley Power Alliance, was put in service June 7th so the substation transformers could be removed. The reason for this upgrade is to replace aging components and help reliability of service. New components include fencing expansion, transformer, main line poles outside the station for isolation while performing maintenance, and fusing.

The project is scheduled to be completed towards the end of August.



Disconnecting components for mobile sub installation.



Installing pole outside of substation.





2022 MJM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

ELI RATCLIFF & CHARLIE KESSINGER



ELI RATCLIFF



ELI RATCLIFF, JOE HEYEN, CHARLIE KESSINGER



CHARLIE KESSINGER

MJM would like to congratulate our 2022 scholarship winners as well as every 2022 graduate in our members' households. Pictured above (center) are **Eli Ratcliff** and **Charlie Kessinger**, both 2022 graduates of Carlinville High School, receiving their award certificates from MJM CEO/President Joe Heyen at the Carlinville Awards Ceremony held on May 17th. Charlie also received the 2022 Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarship from the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative.



DANE ROSENTRETER

Two 2022 graduates also received an MJM Honorary Scholarship, these were drawn at random from the remaining list of this year's 16 applicants: **Dane Rosentreter** of Carlinville and **Cody Croxford** of Jerseyville.



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CODY CROXFORD



2022 ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS: THANK YOU MJM MEMBERS FOR ANOTHER GREAT EVENT! OVER 700 MEALS SERVED!



Thank you to the Pork Producers crew, Carlinville 4-H, Patty Ames, Senator McClure, and all our guests!



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