

THE GRID

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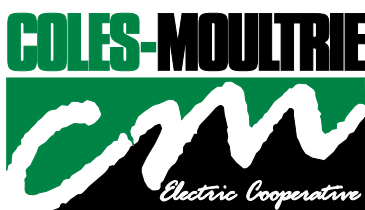
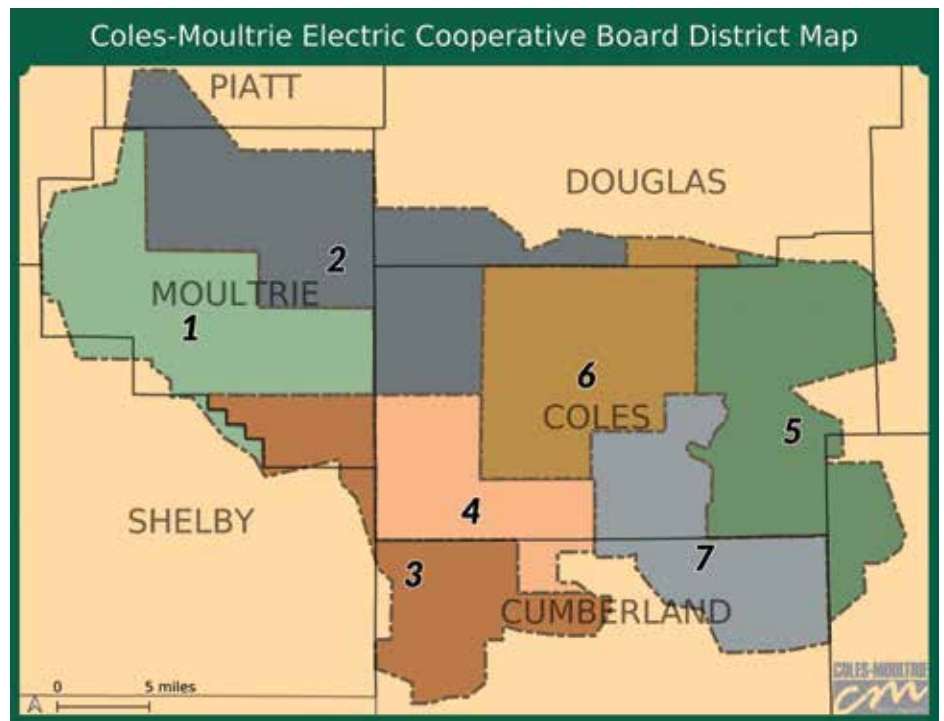
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call #888-661-2632**

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for a chance to win a
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Board Nominations

Our district three board director term will expire in June 2021. Interested members from this district are required to complete a Request for Nominating Petitions and Statement of Qualifications demonstrating that he/she is qualified to serve as a director under the terms

and provisions of Article V, Section 3, of cooperative bylaws. Petitions are due in the office of the cooperative by **4:30 p.m., March 19, 2021**. We encourage interested members to contact us at 217-235-0341 or email info@cmec.coop.



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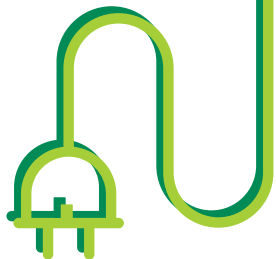
**Join us for our
Member Celebration & Annual Meeting
set for Thursday evening, June 17, 2021,
at Peterson Park, Mattoon.**

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Don't keep your refrigerator too cold. The Department of Energy recommends a temperature setting of 35 to 38 degrees for the fresh food compartment and zero degrees for the freezer.

Make sure the refrigerator doors are sealed airtight to maximize efficiency.

Source:
www.energy.gov



Retirements

Two long time employees of CMEC retired after a combined service of 75 years.



Sandra Fisher started May 29, 1979



Bob Westenhaver started April 27, 1987

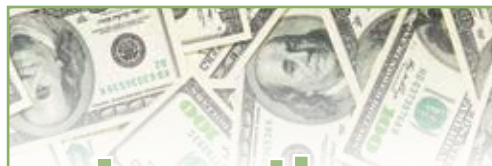
Thank you for serving our cooperative!

Formula Rate Plan

The FRP or Formula Rate Plan Rider increased from \$0.00436 per Kwh in 2020 to \$0.00562 per kWh in 2021. This is a separate line item on the bill. It is designed to allow the cooperative to recover increased costs in an environment with decreasing sales. This is reviewed and updated annually by our board of directors as part of our budget process.

Example:

2020	1000 kWh x \$0.00436 = \$4.86
2021	1000 kWh x \$0.00562 = \$5.62



Incentives

Our cooperative incentives for 2021 include a \$100 water heater rebate for a 40-gallon electric or higher and 25 percent rebate, with a maximum of \$250, for energy and efficiency upgrades.

Contact us for details or forms.

Find Your Name and Win \$50

Find your name hidden inside this issue of The Grid and receive a **\$50 bill credit**. Credit must be claimed by the end of each month in which this newsletter is published.

Understanding Submeters

We have over 4,500 members who have more than one meter at their location to measure electricity used for heating and cooling. **usn** **Ronald Robinson** This is referred to as a submeter and members receive a discount for energy used on this additional meter. The important thing to remember is to make sure this submeter has power to it. Members will not receive the adjusted rate if there is no power to the submeter. Many times, the breaker in the panel that powers this meter is off and will not report in.

Budget Billing

Do you want to know what your bill will be each month and not be surprised when you open that bill? Sign up for budget billing today by emailing info@cmeccoop.com.

Reminder



CMEC Scholarship applications are due April 30, 2021. To obtain a form or see details, go to: cmeccoop.com.

DAYLIGHT
S  **AVING**
TIME

March 14



REMEMBER ELECTRICAL SAFETY

As you prepare for planting season, don't forget to plan for safety. There are many aspects to safety on the farm, but electrical safety is often overlooked. Keep these safety tips in mind as you prepare for planting:



TRAIN OTHERS

Train anyone working on your farm, including family members and seasonal workers, about electrical hazards.

SAFETY FIRST

Have daily meetings to review the day's work and discuss safety implications. Know and review where the power lines are, the clearance required, and the proper position of extensions as they are transported.



WAIT TO UNFOLD

Remind workers to fold or unfold extensions well into the field, not close to the field's edge where power lines are typically located.



USE A SPOTTER

When working in the vicinity of power lines, always have a spotter on the ground, who can direct you away from power lines or poles if you are getting too close.



DO NOT EXIT YOUR CAB

If your machine or truck makes contact with a power line, pole, or guy wire, you could become electricity's path to ground and become electrocuted if you step out of the cab.

CALL 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 to have your electric utility dispatched to de-energize the power source. Only exit the cab if your equipment is on fire. If that happens, make a solid jump out and hop away with feet together as far as you can.



For more information:





LOCAL & LOCAL

Places & Faces



Hild Market

301 N Logan, Mattoon • 217-295-1625
hildmarket.com

This cute little shop on the corner of Logan and Richmond Avenue offers seasonal items, gifts and the perfect finishing touch for your next event. Visit hildmarket.com to set up a time to share your vision for your next celebration, pick out a unique gift or add to your home's décor.

Hissy Fit & Fabulous Boutique

309 S 21st Street, Suite 1, Mattoon • 217-317-2015
hissyfitandfabulous.net

Shop local at this wonderful boutique online or in store Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. They have tops, bottoms, candles, jewelry and accessories. Check out their spring fashions and sign up for their newsletter for the latest styles and offers.



Studio 21

217-962-0048
melissamharden.com

This home-based photography business by Melissa Harden was started in 2013, and her talent shows in all her work. Seniors love their portrait experience, which is anything but traditional. She also provides designer kids photography, captures tween years, and is an expert at professional headshots. Visit her website or call to set up an appointment.

**We are helping support and kick-start small business comeback in our communities.
Email info@cmec.coop if you have a business, product or service you provide.**

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed on our website: www.cmec.coop