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You are a Member



Electric cooperatives do not have customers. We have members. Our mission is to serve you, the owners. The co-op way is local ownership, local control, and not-for-profit operation. You elect our leadership, your neighbors, to serve on the Board of Directors who guide our co-op and put people first.

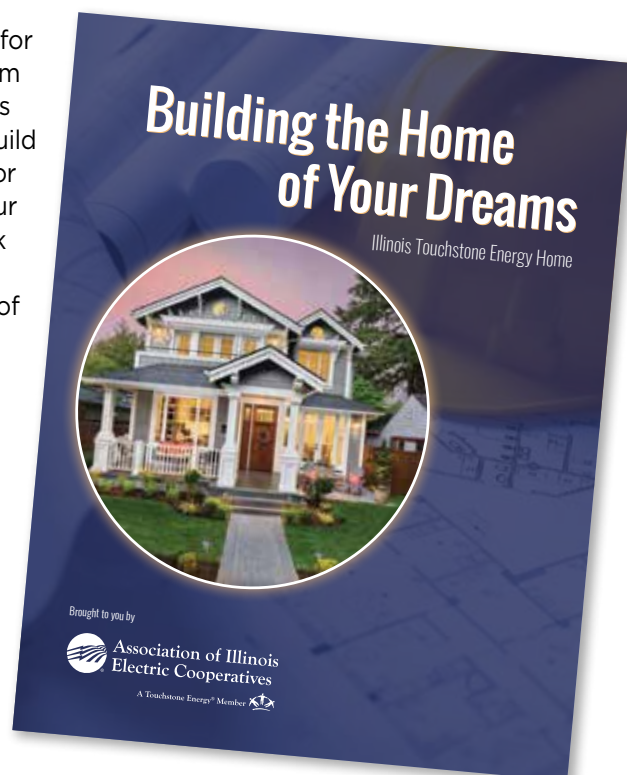
Building a Home

CMEC has a great resource for our members. This booklet from Illinois Electric Co-ops contains many great ideas on how to build your energy-efficient home. For more information or to get your copy, visit cmec.coop and click on Member Services, Energy Efficiency, Building the Home of Your Dreams.

Free digital download



SCAN ME



More Than Kettle Corn

Check out this little eatery at the Cross County Mall, just a few blocks from our co-op. C & C Kettle Corn offers its famous namesake snack along with all beef corndogs, pretzels, nachos and more. Where else can you get a shakeup no matter what time of year it is? Shopping locally and supporting small business is just one of the ways we show concern for community, which is one of our Seven Guiding Principles. Grab a bite next time you are in the neighborhood.



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Upcoming in 2023



Youth Day to Springfield – March 29

Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. – June 16-23

Watch for details, email cbradbury@cmec.coop or contact your local high school guidance counselor.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Insulating your electric water heater can reduce standby heat loss by 25% to 45%, saving you 7% to 16% on annual water heating costs.

The Dept. of Energy rates this project as medium difficulty, meaning most homeowners can tackle this project on their own. You can purchase pre-cut jackets or blankets for about \$20 at most home improvement stores. Visit energy.gov for project tips and additional considerations.

Source: energy.gov



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.

SIP 2023

CMEC Safety Committee developed new Safety Improvement Plan (SIP) goals for 2023:

- Organization Wide Safety Leadership
- Community Safety Awareness
- Commitment to Zero (C2Z)

Wonkey Donkey



(Left to right)
CMEC Linemen
Bob Schafer and
Mitch Stanciu

When linemen Bob Schafer and Mitch Stanciu are not getting the lights back on, you may find them smoking meat in local competitions. The duo has placed at events such as the Effingham Jam Hometown Throwdown.



Dommanik
Faulkner (right)
and Lineman
Bob Schafer

Industry Day

Students from Charleston, Mattoon and Oakland high schools visited CMEC for Industry Day, organized by Coles Together.



Scholarships

The CMEC scholarship deadline is **April 30, 2023**. Applications can be found on our website or requested by emailing cbradbury@cmeccoop.com.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
KELSEY HAWKINS ON
HER PROMOTION TO
ACCOUNTANT!**



2022 Employee Service Awards

- Grant Cooper, 1 year
- Ty Lytle, 1 year
- Ernie Sparks, 1 year
- Brock Cook, 3 years
- Heather Hakman, 3 years
- David Shain, 3 years
- Anita Hoene, 5 years
- Mitchel Stanciu, 5 years
- Dennis Ray, 20 years
- Aimee Boswell, 25 years

What is a kWh?

A kilowatt-hour (kWh) is the standard unit of measure for electricity use and is equal to 1,000 watt-hours. For example, a 100-watt light bulb running for one hour uses one tenth of a kWh. If electricity costs 10 cents per kWh, it costs one cent per hour to operate that bulb. To discover ways to reduce your energy costs, visit cmec.coop or request a copy of **Your Unique Energy Needs** by emailing info@cmec.coop.

Mark your calendar

for our Live Line Demo, Thursday, March 23rd, 6 p.m., at the Wabash Fire House, 3287 Lake Road, Mattoon. This is open to the public at no cost and firefighters/first responders will receive CEU's for attending.

AMI Update

CMEC installed over 425 new meters in 2022 as part of our upgrade to a new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system. The bulk shipment of our new meters has been delayed until March of this year. **Roy Thomas** This system will allow us to serve you better by increasing efficiency, improving outage restoration and providing more energy information. Stay tuned as we continue this deployment during 2023.

Safety Tip

Heating equipment accounts for 13% of home fires. Place a space heater on a hard surface and make sure clothing, papers and other combustible items are at least 3 feet away from the heater.



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