

Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative

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**Welcome Our
New IT Tech
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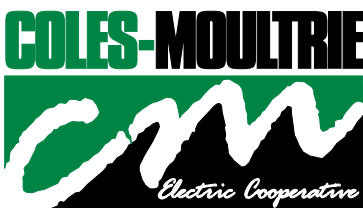
Who energizes us?



YOU! We were built to serve you,
the members of the co-op.

Built to Serve You

Your electric co-op is something special. CMEC is an organization that provides service to its owners, and the owners are you. That's why your participation is vital to its continuing success. We were built to serve you, and we are your neighbors, living and working beside you in our communities.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Community Parades

Thank you to CMEC employees Ty Lytle and Eric Starwalt for helping “light” up the night at the Toledo and Mattoon Christmas parades.



We are into a new year, and you may still have stuff in your yard, at home or business that needs hauled away. Look no further than this local business, appropriately named “Get It Gone.” They specialize in junk removal and dumpster rental—and they will come to you.

Don't wait, call 217-508-0481 or email getitgonedumpsterrental@gmail.com.



Your Board Director for District #5, Andrew Fearn, received his CCD, Credentialed Cooperative Director, certificate from NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association). This demonstrates his commitment to leadership and continued service to you, our members.



**Youth Day &
Youth Tour**

CMEC will sponsor local high school students who want to attend Youth Day in Springfield on **Wednesday, March 29**. Students from this group will have a chance to **win a trip to Washington, D.C., as our representatives for Youth Tour 2023 June 16-23**. Contact your high school guidance counselor or email cbradbury@cmeccoop.org for details.

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.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month
Do you have a home office? Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will help extend its life.
Another way to save in the home office is to use energy efficient lamps for task lighting. Small lamps use less energy than whole-room lighting.



Source: Rheem Manufacturing Company

Water Heater Incentive

Members who replace their water heater with a 30-gallon electric or higher may be eligible for a \$100 rebate.

Email info@cmeccoop for details.

It Pays to Participate

CMEC member Mary Davis of Charleston won a \$250 bill credit for participating in our Member Satisfaction Survey.

Thank you, Mary!

Randall Beasley Memorial Scholarship

CMEC will once again award a \$1,000 Randall Beasley Memorial Scholarship in addition to six \$500 scholarships. This scholarship honors longtime employee and Navy Veteran Randall Beasley, who served our members from 1948-1988. Preference for this will be given to an individual attending lineman school or majoring in the electrical or engineering field. Applications are due April 30, 2023. Forms can be picked up at our co-op, downloaded from our website, cmeccoop, or requested by emailing cbradbury@cmeccoop.



5 Ways to Save During Winter

Winter weather typically means increased energy use at home. Keep your bills in check with these tips to save energy—and money!

Mind the thermostat. If you have a traditional heating and cooling system, set the thermostat to 68 degrees or lower. Consider a smart or programmable thermostat for additional savings.

Get cozy. Add layers of clothing for additional warmth, and snuggle up under your favorite heavyweight blanket.

Don't block the heat. If your air vents or heating elements (like radiators) are blocked by furniture or rugs, your home isn't being adequately heated.

Take advantage of sunlight. Open window coverings during the day to let natural sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to block the chilly night air.

Block air leaks. Seal windows and exterior doors with caulk and weather stripping to improve indoor comfort and decrease the amount of energy used to heat your home.

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed on our website: cmeccoop