

# MONROE ELECTRIC NEWS

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## Across The President's Desk

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Since June 29, 2020, all the employees have been brought back on site. We have spread out everyone in the office to help with the social distancing. The outside work crews are still coming in at staggered times to help keep from congregating in the warehouse. We will keep the lobby closed through July and then re-assess

the situation. We have some employees with underlying health issues, and we want to maintain a controlled environment as long as possible and will continue to limit deliveries' access to the facility as well.

We are keeping up with the workload and have maintained a healthy crew. Our goal is to weather the

pandemic, hopefully see the virus controlled and look to what medical vaccines can help prevent future spread of the virus. I do not believe this virus is going away but hopefully we can manage it and keep our employees healthy while working throughout this period.



**Our office will be closed Monday, September 7th, for Labor Day.**



## Help keep our crews safe

Orange road signs are not just for highway construction zones; they also apply to utility work zones. Slowing down before entering work zones helps save lives, including the lives of our crew members, who must often work roadside to maintain or restore power.

Cars or trucks that go too fast not only endanger workers on the ground. Driving too fast or not moving over can also put a lineworker who is working high up in a bucket in serious danger by causing it to move or sway into high-voltage lines.

Please, take extra care in work zones. Our crews and their families thank you.

# MCEC announces 2020 scholarship winners

**B**ecause of the CO-VID-19 pandemic, Monroe County Electric Cooperative (MCEC) was forced to postpone its 2020 Annual Meeting of Members. A new date has not been determined yet.

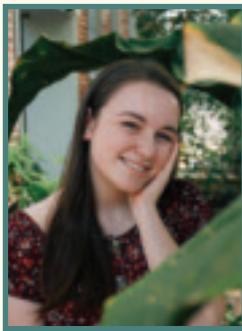
However, representatives of the cooperative did hold the drawing for 10 \$500 scholarships on the morning that had been scheduled to hold the meeting, which was Saturday, June 13.

The drawing was held in front of the cooperative office next to the new electric car the cooperative has leased. President/CEO Alan Wattles and board members Larry Kraft and Richard Hollis were present to help draw the names. The students were required to be the son or daughter of a cooperative member and a 2020 area graduating senior.



The 10 winners were drawn from a field of 36 applicants. The lucky students were:

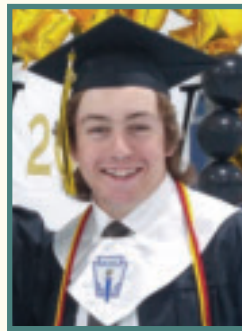
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- Cole Parker
- Kyle Parker
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- Allison Zilafro
- Brooke Sellers



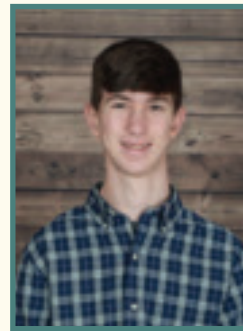
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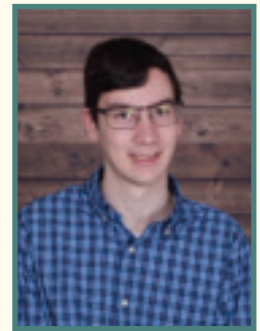
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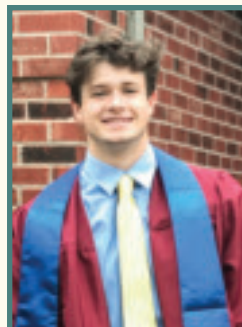
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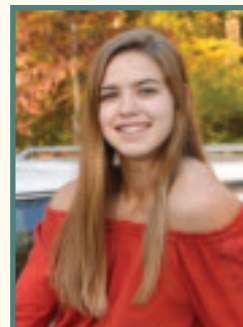
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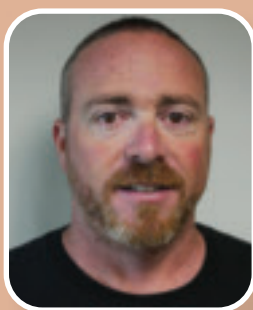
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**We want to thank all the students who participated and entered our scholarship drawing!**

## Meet the Employees



**Chris Deterding**  
Journeyman Lineman

### Tell us about yourself.

I am married to my wife Christy, and we have three sons: Ty, 15; Brayden, 12 and Preston, 5.

### When I was a child, I wanted to be:

A coal miner like my dad.

### If I could have any meal, it would include:

Fried crappie with fried chippers along with coconut cream pie for dessert.

### Describe the best vacation you ever took:

The best vacations I've had were bow hunting for elk all over the United States.

### Do you have a collection of something?

Outdoor items related to hunting and fishing.

### What was your favorite thing to play as a child?

Hunting and fishing.

### What do you see yourself doing after you retire?

Hunting, fishing and trap shooting across the country.



## MCEC line outages – June 2020

Date	Duration	# Out	Map Location	Cause Desc	Substation
6/5/2020	4:24	2	N. Moore St	Vehicles or Machinery	North Waterloo
6/6/2020	3:04	12	State Rt 159	Vehicles or Machinery	Poe
6/7/2020	3:35	45	Bushy Prairie/Rock Rd	Vehicles or Machinery	Waterloo
6/9/2020	3:08	38	Hecker Hwy	Trees, Other	Waterloo
6/10/2020	2:01	9	Shields Ln	Other, Deterioration	Poe
6/13/2020	1:28	329	Red Bud Area	Small Animals or Birds	Poe
6/15/2020	6:01	18	Lou Dell	Other, Faulty Equipment	North Waterloo
6/16/2020	0:40	3	Stringtown Rd	Unknown	Fults
6/20/2020	3:31	2	Nevois Ln	Other, Deterioration	East Carondelet
6/22/2020	2:44	3	Stringtown Rd	Unknown	Fults
6/25/2020	0:59	382	Fults	Unknown	Fults
6/28/2020	1:35	3	Merrimac Rd	Small Animals or Birds	Fountain
6/30/2020	2:09	6	Bluff Rd	Lightning	Fountain
6/30/2020	0:43	4	State Rt 156	Lightning	Waterloo
6/30/2020	1:41	6	Lunch Rd	Lightning	Smithton
6/30/2020	0:51	9	Holcomb School Rd	Lightning	Smithton



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### Office hours:

Monday through Friday  
7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Installing a smart power strip is a quick and easy way to start saving money while making your home more energy efficient. Smart power strips can actually cut power off to save energy since they are able to detect when a device is in standby mode.

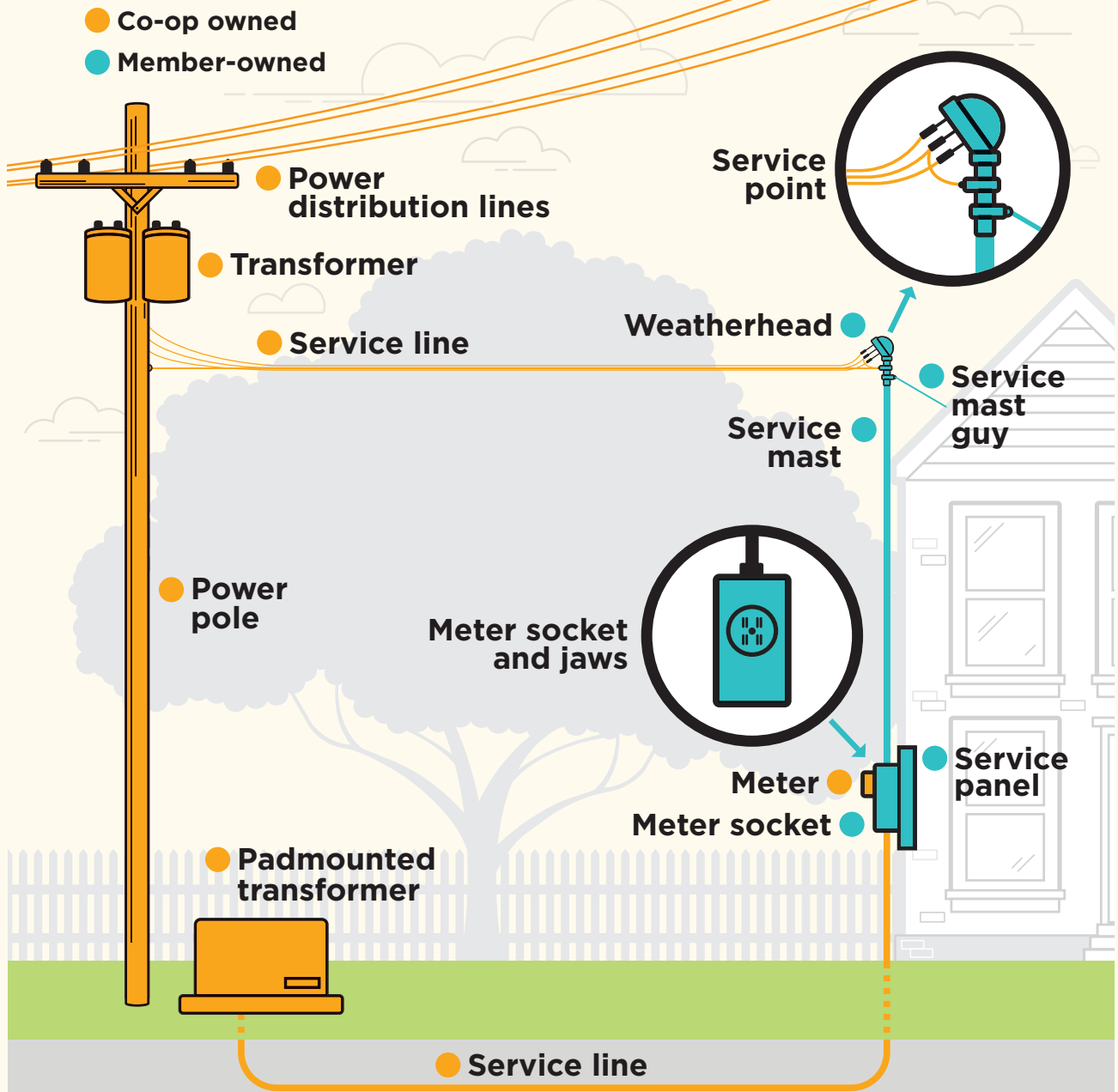
Source: energy.gov



# Who Owns What?

## Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.



*Note: This graphic depicts overhead and underground service. Please be aware of which type of service you receive at your home or business.*