

# THE GRID

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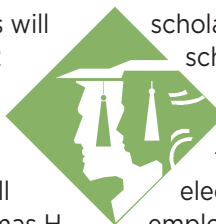


## Fourteen 2022 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

Illinois electric cooperatives will award 14 scholarships in 2022 to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family. The 14 scholarships, \$2,000 each, will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

“We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says Amy Bortrager/CEO. “CMEC and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth and investing in them through programs like this one.”

Eight scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric co-op member. A ninth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. Four additional



scholarships are reserved for high school seniors enrolling full time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees, or directors.

The 14th scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker’s Scholarship, will help pay for costs to attend lineworker school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Sons and daughters of co-op members, relatives of co-op employees or directors, and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for this scholarship.

Deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2021. The lineworker scholarship deadline is April 30, 2022. For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Carla Bradbury, [cbradbury@cmec.coop](mailto:cbradbury@cmec.coop). Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is available online at [aiec.coop/iec-scholarship/](http://aiec.coop/iec-scholarship/).

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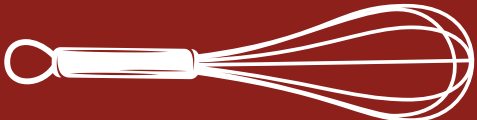
Ernie Sparks

Our new IT Technician



COOK UP ENERGY SAVINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

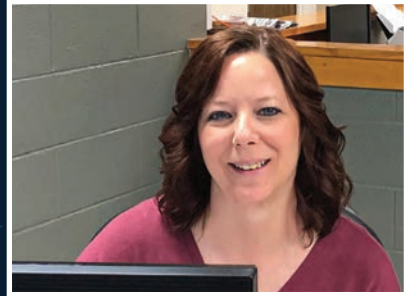
- Clean oven burners regularly.
- Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.



# Honoring CMEC Veterans



Carla Bradbury



Heather Hakman



Dennis Ray

Thank you for your Service!



# KUDOS!

## TO CMEC EMPLOYEES



### GRANT COOPER

Promoted to Journeyman Lineman & won 3rd Place in the individual speed climb event at the 2021 Lineman's Safety Rodeo



### DREW HAUMESSER

Promoted to 2nd Step Forestry Apprentice & Completed Line Clearance Forestry School



### TY LYTLE

Completed the AIEC's Climbing School



### MARCUS MCDOWELL

Promoted to Area Serviceman



### SHANE RUPPERT

Served as a Judge at the 2021 Lineman's Safety Rodeo



### DAVID SHAIN

Promoted to 4th Step Apprentice Lineman, completed 1st Year Distribution School & Line Clearance Forestry School

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall is the perfect time to prep your home for the upcoming winter chill. One of the best ways you can save energy and stay comfortable is to caulk and weatherstrip areas that typically need sealing.

Start by sealing around windows and doors. Seal plumbing, ducting, and areas where electrical wiring comes through walls, floors and ceilings for additional energy savings.

Source: [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov)



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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.





# LOCAL Places & LOCAL Faces

## Hattie Mae Designs

519 7th Street, Charleston • (217) 962-0705 • [hattie-mae-home-decor.myshopify.com](http://hattie-mae-home-decor.myshopify.com)



Hattie Mae's is family owned and operated. Their lovely little shop is in the heart of Charleston in what is known as the historic pharmacy building. They are open Tuesdays-Fridays 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop from home anytime at their online store or stop by for clothing, gifts, home décor and more. Their inventory is always changing, and they will help you find the perfect gift.

## Little Mexico Cantina and Grill

1810 Charleston Ave, Mattoon • (217) 234-4535

Little Mexico has been serving up authentic dishes for more than 50 years. Their current location is downtown near the corner of Charleston Avenue and South 19th street. They are known for their one-of-a-kind salsa and great service time after time. Mattoon natives make time to enjoy wonderful fare when visiting home. Generations have shared decades of memories eating at "LM" as some locals call it. Dine in or carry out the best to go tacos around. **Thomas Niemeyer**



## Pauly's BBQ

310 E Columbia Str, Arthur • (217) 543-2400 • [paulysbbq.com](http://paulysbbq.com)



Pauly's has great smoked BBQ was started as a hobby for Paul and Sarah Kuhns in 2009. Paul first set up on main street selling good eats for extra money. Little did they know it would turn into a booming business. Folks drive from all over for Sarah's homemade pies, cobblers and soups. In addition to their BBQ, they have great appetizers, flatbread pizza, grilled tenderloin, salmon burgers and more. You will not be disappointed. They truly have something for everyone.

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed on our website: [cmec.coop](http://cmec.coop)