

MONROE ELECTRIC NEWS

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83RD ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

MCEC HEADQUARTERS

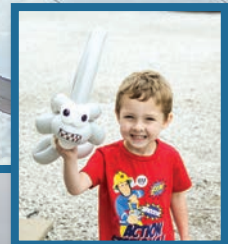
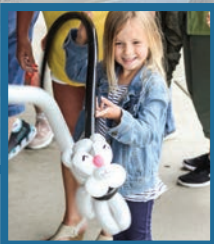
REGISTRATION 7:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES BEGINS AT 7:30 A.M.

**KIDS ACTIVITIES – BOUNCE HOUSES, PETTING ZOO, BALLOON ARTISTS, & MORE!
BREAKFAST SERVED BY ROY-EL CATERING INCLUDES PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS,
BISCUITS/GRAVY, FRUIT, BACON, COFFEE AND ORANGE JUICE.**

BUSINESS MEETING BEGINS AT 10 A.M.

**15- \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE DRAWN
EVERYONE REGISTERED WILL RECEIVE A \$25 BILL CREDIT**



Did you know every cooperative is required to conduct an annual meeting of the membership? The purpose is to hold the election for the board of directors, share important financial information, occasionally vote on other matters such as by-law changes and of course—the breakfast and kids activities!

Monroe County Electric Coop's (MCEC) annual meeting is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new neighbors—or catch up with old acquaintances. As our lives get busier with the “errands of life” and more of our interactions with others are online (via social media), we must renew the value of face-to-face human connections. Very few organizations are uniquely positioned like MCEC to bring together all members of our local communities.

While rural Americans probably do a better job of staying connected to our neighbors (in part because we need too), it is not something we should take for granted. The simple act of smiling, saying hello and shaking someone's hand truly lifts both parties. Our country and community face many challenges. Our economy feels like it has been stagnant for years. Overcoming these challenges will only happen if we come together.

MCEC's annual meeting is designed to take care of the important business of your co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community. All cooperatives serve both an economic and social purpose. While safe, reliable, and



affordable electric power is crucial to our mission, improving the quality of life for all members is at the core of what we do every day.

If you have not attended the annual meeting in the past or if it has been a few years, we urge you to take the time to be with your fellow co-op members. We get out of life what we put into it. MCEC is connected to you by more than just powerlines. We are your neighbors, and we look forward to seeing you at your annual meeting.

The 2022 Annual Meeting of Members will be held at the Waterloo

cooperative headquarters at 6132 State Route 3 (front entrance) and 5960 Old Red Bud Road (back entrance) on Sat., June 11. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the business meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. An egg/pancake/biscuits & gravy breakfast will be provided by Roy-el Catering until 9:30 a.m. There will be fun events for the children which includes bounce houses, balloon artists, and more.

A drawing for 15-\$500 scholarships to cooperative member high school seniors will occur at the end of the business meeting.

MCEC
line outages
March 2022

Date	Duration	# Out	Map Location	Cause Desc	Substation
3/3/2022	1:12	329	Red Bud East Area	Maintenance	Poe
3/4/2022	0:47	188	Columbia	Unknown	Columbia
3/6/2022	0:24	13	Bridge Ln	Unknown	East Carondelet
3/6/2022	1:06	8	Kropp Rd	Small Animals Or Birds	Millstadt
3/18/2022	1:25	34	Old Farm Rd	Other, Faulty Equipment	Millstadt



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



2022 Annual Meeting Scholarship Application

Fifteen - \$500 Scholarships to be awarded by drawing at the Annual Meeting on June 11, 2022

Eligibility

- The applicant **must be** a high school senior for the 2021/2022 school year to qualify.
- The applicant must be a member in good standing of Monroe County Electric Cooperative, or is the dependent of a member of the Cooperative who is in good standing, and must have been a member for one year prior to May 31, 2022.
- All applications must be signed by the applicant and parent or legal guardian (if a dependent). Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications must be returned to the cooperative by 4:00pm, June 2, 2022.
- The applicant must be enrolled, or have applied for enrollment, in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four-year college, university, vocational or post secondary school for the Fall 2022 term.
- All applicants shall check in at the registration table before 10:00 a.m. the morning of the Annual Meeting.
- The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient upon verification of enrollment.

Applicant Name: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (s) (only in case of dependent): _____

MCEC Account Name and Number: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

College/School Attending Fall 2022: _____

High School Graduated From: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

By signing this application you hereby agree the information provided is true and correct, and permission is granted for Monroe County Electric Cooperative and associated organizations to use your information and your photograph for publicity purposes.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Email completed application to jrohr@mcec.org or mail to: MCEC, P.O. Box 128, Waterloo, IL 62298 Attn: Julie Rohr

Save the Dates!

Don't miss these upcoming exciting events sponsored by the Waterloo Optimist Club.

3rd Annual Beer-B-Que

Saturday, May 7th @
AMATEUR & PROFESSIONAL
PIT MASTERS
Homebrewers Showcase



Firebird Fest 2022

Saturday, May 21st
Noon - 4:00pm

Pontiac Firebird Clubs Showcase their cars in Historic Downtown Waterloo

Food & Refreshments



Downtown Car Show

Sunday, June 5th
8am - 4pm

Historic Downtown Waterloo
Classic Cars & Trucks, Hot Rods, Food & Refreshments, activities for the kids.

Homecoming 5K Run/Walk



Saturday, August 27th

Join hundreds of runners & walkers.
FREE food & drinks!
Preregister 20 & \$25 event day

Championship Bull Riding

Saturday
September 17th
7:00pm

Monroe County Fairgrounds



"The most dangerous 8 seconds in sports."

Watch some of the best cowboys ride some of the best bulls!

Food and refreshments all night and live music.
Admission \$15 in advance & \$20 at the gate

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Proceeds benefit youth programs & scholarships

ELECTRICITY 101

To stay safe around electricity, start with these **SEVEN** basic tips:

1.



DON'T OVERLOAD OUTLETS OR CIRCUITS

Plugging in too many items or drawing too much power on a circuit can cause overheating, fire, and damage to devices.

2.



DON'T USE FAULTY ELECTRICAL CORDS OR PLUGS

Do not use cords that look frayed, worn or cracked. Do not use broken plugs. Never remove the grounding pin from a three-pronged plug.

3.



HAVE YOUR ELECTRICIAN'S NUMBER IN YOUR PHONE

Most electrical repairs or installations are not DIY projects. Hire an expert to avoid serious injury or wiring problems.

4.



BE CAREFUL AROUND H₂O

Never use electricity while standing in damp or wet conditions. Keep all electrical devices away from water, including cell phones that are charging.

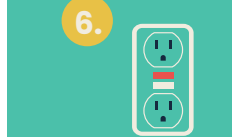
5.



EVALUATE YOUR APPLIANCES

Do not use appliances in disrepair. Older or broken appliances can overheat, start a fire, and cause serious injuries.

6.



TEST YOUR GFCIs

Outlets near a water source should be equipped with GFCIs, which help prevent shock and electrocution caused by ground faults. Test monthly to make sure they are working.

7.



MAKE SURE YOUR HOME IS UP TO CODE

Your home should be properly wired and electrically sound. Contact a reputable electrician to evaluate your home.

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