

# THE GRID

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## CMEC Cooperative Board of Directors

Directors represent all members of Coles Moultrie Electric Cooperative, serve three-year terms, and attend monthly board meetings. The co-op is divided into seven districts. District three term expires this year, and elections will take place in September. Nomination is made by the petition of members in accordance with cooperative bylaws and is due to CMEC on or before July 3, 2024. We welcome any members from District three who are considering nomination to call our office at 217-235-0341 or email [info@cmeccoop.com](mailto:info@cmeccoop.com).

### Our Mission

Our CMEC mission statement is **“To serve our members.”** That’s the co-op difference. We are not-for-profit, member-owned, and governed by the Seven Cooperative Principles.



**WELCOME  
STEVEN BALDWIN  
- OUR NEW  
ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR OF  
OPERATIONS &  
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## Spring is Here

Now that the sun is shining more, are you thinking about solar? Contact CMEC first to get ALL the facts before moving ahead with your project.



## Chamber Buck\$

CMEC now accepts Mattoon Chamber Bucks! The Chamber Buck Program was started over 10 years ago to support our communities and keep tax dollars local. There are no hidden fees, and they make great gifts.

To purchase, redeem, or see a list of participating businesses, call the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce at 217-235-5661 or visit [www.mattoonchamber.com/chamber-buck](http://www.mattoonchamber.com/chamber-buck).



## Futures Day

Our co-op was invited back to Mattoon High School for Futures Day to talk about the lineworker profession and safe electricity. **Michael Dittamore**

*Pictured: CMEC Lineman Ty Lytle of Mattoon at Mattoon High School*

## REMINDER

- CMEC rates increased overall by an average of 5.8% on March 1, 2024.
- Mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 4, for our Member Celebration & Annual Meeting.
- Check out SmartHub's new redesign, which is now more streamlined and mobile-friendly.

**RESCHEDULED**

### Live Line Demo 2024

Our Live Line Demo was cancelled and will be rescheduled in September. Watch for more information in this Grid News.

# Do you know a CMEC member that could use a HUG?



It's a Home Utility Gift (or "HUG") and makes a great gift. Stop by our office to purchase one or talk to a Member Service Representative at 217-235-0341.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Looking for an easy way to manage home energy use? Smart plugs are inexpensive and offer convenient solutions for scheduling and controlling your favorite electronic devices.

With smart plugs, you can easily manage your coffee maker, lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. Smart plugs can help you manage devices through a smart phone app, your home assistant or voice control. By conveniently powering off or scheduling devices, you can save energy (and money!).

Source: [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov)



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
LINDSEY OZIER  
OF BETHANY!**



**She will be  
representing your  
co-op on the Youth  
to Washington trip  
in June.**



## 2024 SIP Goals

The co-op Safety Committee has set our SIP (Safety Improvement Plan) goals for this year:

- Foster an environment that will improve morale and commitment to safety
- Community awareness and education
- Maintain a continuing education program to ensure succession in all areas of the organization

For more information about electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](https://SafeElectricity.org)

*We will be hosting Coffee on the Co-op again this spring*

**Wednesday, April 24 & Wednesday, May 29**

7-8:30 a.m. at Downtown Diner,  
1626 Broadway Ave, Mattoon

If you missed it last time, this is a great way to meet our CEO, chat with fellow members and ask questions. Hope to see you there!

**MOVE OVER & SLOW DOWN**

Help keep utility workers safe.

[SafeElectricity.org](https://SafeElectricity.org)

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**CMEC WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27TH**

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