

# THE GRID

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## 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.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



## Member Celebration 2024

We are celebrating you, our members, on Friday, Oct. 4th, at Peterson Park. This will be a hybrid event with members driving through the park with the option to stay for our meeting in person at 1 p.m. The meeting will also be live on Facebook, or you can tune in on your radio to Victory 103.9. Enter the park from Broadway Avenue at the 5th Street entrance and follow the signs. Employees will be on hand to guide you or answer questions.

- Early Bird Registration available at 6:30 a.m. at the park
- \$100, \$250 & \$500 bill credit drawings (Need not be present to win)
- Boxed lunch, shakeups & giveaways starting at 11 a.m. while supplies last
- \$25 bill credit for registered members





## Thank you!

Thank you to our members who took the time to stop by for our Coffee on the Co-op at Jackson Ave Coffee.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Now is the time to schedule annual maintenance for your home's heating system. During fall months, HVAC technicians are typically less busy, making this an excellent time for maintenance and any necessary repairs before the winter months.

A qualified technician can clean filters, check for leaks and ensure all system components are working efficiently to keep your home cozy and warm when the temperatures begin to drop.

## Board District #3 Election



**Kent Metzger**  
Gays



**Dean Robison**  
Windsor

Members may vote in our District #3 election online or by mail. Voting opens Sept. 9th and runs through Oct. 1st at midnight. The 2024 nominees are incumbent Kent Metzger, Gays, and Dean Robison, Windsor. Your board represents all member-owners and is responsible for maintaining local control. **Suzette Hixum**

## Great Getaway

Have you checked out the Bella Vita right here in our service area? This new private resort is located at 19795 State Highway 16 near Ashmore and has something for everyone. Plan your next event, family fun, or relaxing getaway without going far. Spend your time indoors or outdoors with their many amenities and activities. Enjoy camping, kayaking, fishing, hiking and more in their beautiful setting surrounded by water, wildlife, and sunsets. For more information, a visual tour, or to make reservations, call 217-345-4031 or visit [www.bellavitaprivateresorts.com](http://www.bellavitaprivateresorts.com).

The  
**Bella Vita**  
Private Resort

## Unclaimed Capital Credits

*You or someone you know may have unclaimed Capital Credits.*

CMEC distributes Capital Credit checks when our Board of Directors determine it is feasible for our co-op. Former members cannot always be located if they have not kept their address up to date. A list can be viewed on our web site: [www.cmeccoop/about-us-4/capital-credits](http://www.cmeccoop/about-us-4/capital-credits).



**The Chamber**  
Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce  
PRESENTS

**THE 8TH ANNUAL**  
**TOUR DE CHARLESTON**  
2024 RACE DAY & FESTIVAL ON THE  
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12.5MI, 25MI,  
50MI AND  
2ND ANNUAL KIDS RACE

**8AM**  
**RACES**  
**START**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

  

## Your Cooperative Area Servicemen



**Marcus McDowell**



**Shane Ruppert**



**Bob Schafer**

*Combined Experience  
of 58 Years*



**NATIONAL VOTER  
REGISTRATION DAY  
IS SEPTEMBER 17TH**

Register or check your registration at  
[www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org](http://www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org)

### Live Line Demo

See our flyer on page 6. CMEC will host a Live Line Demo, free to the public, on Thursday, September 19th, 5:30 p.m., at the Mattoon Fire Annex Building, 1801 Prairie Ave., Mattoon.

## Words of Thanks

**“Thank you for awarding me one of the \$500 scholarships. It will help me make my college cheaper and allow me to become a better student.”**

*From CMEC 2024 scholarship recipient Brett Bushue*

**“I feel honored to be a recipient of the Coles-Moultrie Electric Scholarship. Thank you for investing in my academic future.”**

*From CMEC 2024 scholarship recipient Colton Smith*

**“Thank you for helping out EnerStar during our time of need. We really appreciate it.”**

*From the EnerStar Team*

## Do We Have Your Digits?

Without updated contact information, CMEC is unable to reach you regarding outages, service or billing notifications, and other important news. You can make updates to your contact information on SmartHub by going to Settings and Contract Information.

## 5 Tips for a Safe Harvest

Electrical safety during harvest season requires vigilance and proactive measures.

Follow these tips to reduce the risk of electrical accidents.

1. Maintain at least a 10-foot distance from power lines when operating equipment like grain augers, elevators and other tall machinery.
2. Use a spotter to navigate safely around power lines and other electrical equipment.
3. Ensure all farm workers are trained on electrical safety procedures.
4. Regularly inspect all electrical equipment and machinery for signs of wear and damage.
5. Keep first aid kits and emergency contact numbers in an easily accessible location.



**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed on our website: [cmeccoop.com](http://cmeccoop.com)**