Clinton County Connection

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Who owns what?

Understanding electric equipment responsibilities

As July rolls in with longer days and rising temperatures, it also brings the increased potential for severe weather. Summer storms can arrive quickly and hit hard, sometimes causing significant damage to essential electric equipment throughout our community.

Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) is always prepared to respond swiftly to outages and restore power safely, but it is also important for homeowners to understand which parts of the electric system are their responsibility and which are maintained by us at the co-op. Understanding these key differences can help speed up repairs and ensure everyone stays safe when the weather turns rough.

CCEC is responsible for maintaining and repairing the equipment and lines that run to your home, including utility poles, distribution power lines, electric meters and padmounted transformers.

CCEC members are responsible for the equipment located between the electric meter and your home or business, including any underground service lines that lead into the structure and the service panel. Members are also responsible for the weatherhead and service mast located outside the home.

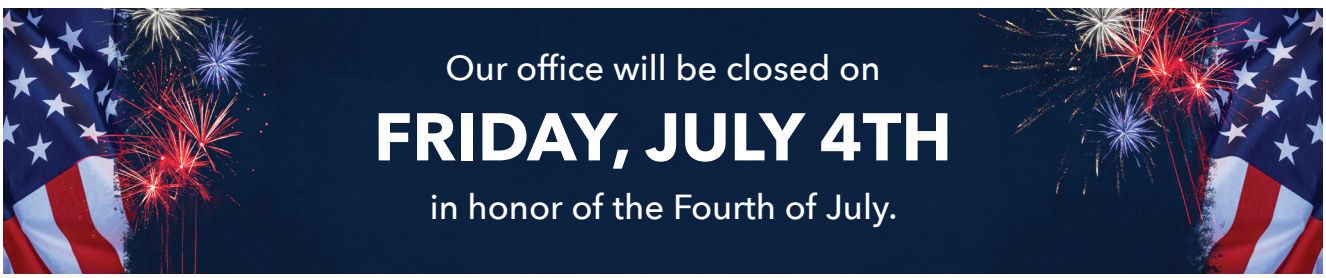
If any equipment that you (the homeowner) are responsible for is damaged, please call a licensed electrician to conduct the repairs. A professional has the experience and know-how to assess and manage these types of repairs.

When severe weather damages electrical equipment, it's important to note that any necessary repairs to the homeowner's equipment must be conducted before CCEC crews can restore power to your home or business. By understanding the equipment you are responsible for, the repair and restoration process will be smoother and faster. See page 18C for related infographic.

Our community takes great pride in the beautiful trees and landscaping that contribute to the natural beauty where we live, however, regular trimming is essential to ensure reliable electric service and minimize damage from severe weather. CCEC regularly trims trees throughout our service territory to improve service reliability. If you spot a tree limb that is obstructing a distribution power line outside your home, please call CCEC so we can trim those limbs and maintain those lines.

Any overgrown limbs or vegetation around the service line is the homeowner's responsibility, and in these cases, please call a professional tree trimming service to assist. By working together to understand the essential equipment that powers daily life, we can all be better prepared to start the repair and restoration process if severe weather impacts our community.

If you have any questions about your electrical equipment, we're here to help. Please contact CCEC at 800-526-7282 during normal office hours.



Considering Solar?
Call us first

As interest in "green" energy and ways to save money on utility bills continue to grow, some cooperative members may be considering the installation of a solar array.

Since these types of systems have the capability of returning electricity back to the electric grid, there are some major safety considerations to sort through before a system is installed.

Before deciding to buy a solar array, examine the economics to determine if such a system will lower your monthly electricity costs. If you do decide to install a solar array, contact our office as early as possible in the process.

A CCEC representative will provide information on our interconnection process and policies, as well as answer any questions you may have. That way, you and your installer will have the information needed as you progress with your system.

For more information on CCEC policies and requirements, please contact our office Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 800-526-7282.

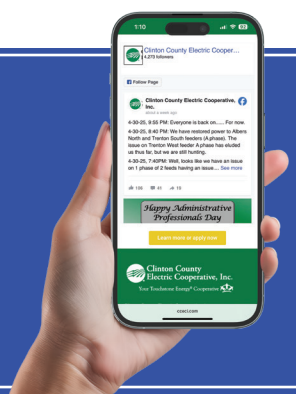
Clinton County Electric Board Member Jeff Schulte presented the Thomas H. Moore Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship to recipient Macey Golder.

Scholarship winner

Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) is proud to announce that Macey Golder of Carlyle High School is one of 16 winners of this year's Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarships. She is the child of James and Christy Golder of Carlyle. Macey competed for the scholarship with 293 other students from across the state. The $2,500 awards are given each year to 16 children of electric co-op members, employees or directors. A 17th scholarship is reserved for a student interested in lineworker's college and will be announced at a later date. Macey will be recognized during the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' annual meeting on July 31, 2025, in Springfield.

Candidates were judged on grade-point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay demonstrating their knowledge of electric cooperatives.

Come this fall, Macey will attend Kaskaskia College. CCEC is honored to have a scholarship recipient and is excited to see how she will represent the community.



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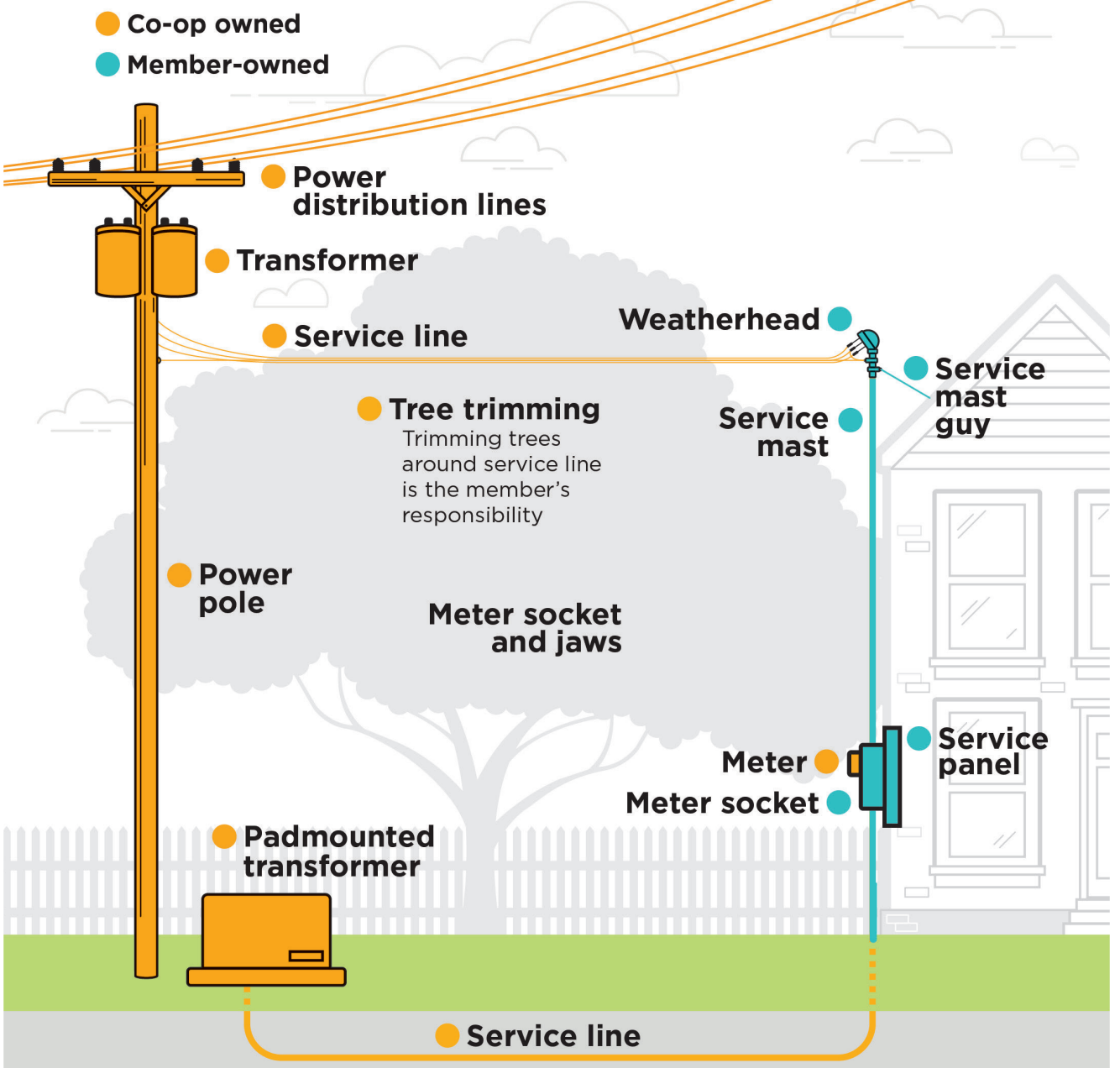
Simply go to our website at **www.cceci.com** and scroll down until you see our Facebook information. There, you can look through our posts without having to log into an actual Facebook account.

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.

CCEC awards scholarships

Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) proudly offers two $500 scholarships to senior students from Carlyle, Central, Christ Our Rock, Highland, Mascoutah, Mater Dei, Patoka, Sandoval and Wesclin High Schools. The following students, whose primary residence is served by CCEC, were awarded $500 scholarships this past May.

Carlyle High School

- **Makenna Reckling**, daughter of Greg and Linda Reckling
- **Ethan Goodin**, son of Keith and Melissa Goodin

Central High School

- **Sarah Kohnen**, daughter of Jason and April Kohnen
- **Abigail Voss**, daughter of Jared and Lisa Voss

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School

- **Madisyn Nolte**, daughter of Matt and Angela Nolte
- **Alayna French**, daughter of Curt and Monica French

Highland High School

- **Ben Fuhler**, son of Russ and Marlene Fuhler

Mascoutah High School

- **William Goodman**, son of William and Melissa Goodman
- **Jacob Rudy**, son of Daniel and Rachel Rudy

Mater Dei High School

- **Justin Winkeler**, son of Ryan and Carol Winkeler
- **Trent Korte**, son of Keith and Erin Korte

Patoka High School

- **Brookelynn Hill**, daughter of Jason and Stacey Adams

Sandoval High School

- **Quentin Heinzmann**, son of Kevin and Emily Heinzmann
- **Lilliona Dykstra**, daughter of Scott and Brandy Dykstra

Wesclin High School

- **Miley Rives**, daughter of Jason and Stacy Rives
- **Evelyn Yukna**, daughter of Nathan and Jennifer Yukna

Congratulations to all of CCEC's 2025 scholarship recipients.

Safety Tip

All thunderstorms contain lightning. If a thunderstorm approaches when you are swimming or near water, get out of the water and stay away from the beach. If you are golfing, put down your clubs, get away from metal golf carts, take off your golf shoes and get inside as quickly as possible.

SafeElectricity.org®

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Clinton County Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025, at Central Community High School in Breese, Ill. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the business meeting, including trustee elections, will begin at 7:30 p.m.