



## Celebrating membership



From the desk of  
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Fall is a busy time, and October is a particularly eventful month with school, community and sports activities back in full swing. It's also when all cooperatives celebrate National Co-op Month. When I say Central Electric celebrates Co-op Month, it really means we are celebrating you! After all, our co-op wouldn't exist without you, our members.

Our core business purpose is to serve as your electricity provider, but the larger mission of the co-op is to help make our corner of the world a better place. "Concern for community" is one of seven guiding principles that all co-ops share.

Similar to how our wires run through our service territory, our concern for community flows through all of our decisions — because being a co-op means being a responsible partner and good neighbor.

We work to help our community thrive through initiatives led by our employees and local board that's comprised of neighbors who live right here in our community. Because we're local, we understand our community's unique needs and strive to help meet them.

We're proud to support local youth through our Touchstone Energy Sports Camp, Youth Tour, Leadership Camp and community college scholarship programs. With your help, Operation Round Up provides assistance to local nonprofit organizations. Our Bright Ideas grants put funds directly back into our school systems and help teachers find innovative ways to reach students.

The word "cooperative" is also close to "cooperation," meaning people working together towards a common

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goal — mutually benefitting one another and the larger community. That's the essence of the cooperative spirit. Our employees and member-elected board members are invested in the community in which we live and serve.

Above all, as a co-op, we put our members' priorities first. As your trusted energy partner, we know that saving energy and money is important to you. That's why we have numerous programs in place to help, including several energy-efficiency rebates, loans, and savings tools to help you save money on your energy costs.

We also want to empower you to manage energy use at home. If you haven't already, I encourage you to take a moment and visit our online website portal at [CEMCPower.com](http://CEMCPower.com) or download our app. Through the portal and app, you can conveniently monitor and manage your energy use. And we're, of course, here to help, so give us a call if you have questions about your energy bills.

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Until next time,