

# COLUMBUS CURRENTS

## The Power of a Co-op

Ask yourself this—what does it mean to be a member of Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc., a Touchstone Energy electric cooperative?

As a member of CEC, you have the power, a voice and control in how your electric co-op is run; in what's best for the community; in the decisions that allow us to provide affordable electricity for your home. This October, we're celebrating National Co-op Month, and we're recognizing the most important part of our co-op – you, our members.

Membership represents a vested interest—everyone is more engaged and attentive to something they feel a responsibility for. Touchstone Energy co-ops work to engage their members in *all* the issues surrounding the co-op. When members are engaged and informed they become advocates for their co-ops, not just consumers.

In today's world, electric co-ops are doing more than just saving money for their members. Touchstone Energy Cooperatives make being a member of an electric cooperative a truly unique experience. Ask us about what rebates we have to save you money.

Members are the reason cooperatives exist. When members embrace the idea that they have more than a passing interest

in their co-op, and that they actually are the owners, with an ability to help guide it, that is the power of co-op membership.

The power of co-op membership is the cooperative difference, and our business 'bottom line' is the empowerment of you, our member-owners. Columbus Electric Cooperative actively engages with the communities we serve. The best part about being a member of a Touchstone Energy cooperative: It's *your* Touchstone Energy cooperative. Power to the people, for the people, from the people.





**Congratulations, Amelia Waddle, Winner of CEC's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Kiosk Promotion.**

**Be sure you enter to win the FINAL prize in our quarterly giveaway. Pay your bill using our Kiosk Payment Center located in the CEC office lobby for a chance to win a 43" LG Smart TV!!**

**Winner of the TV will be announced December 27, 2019.**



### **Meter Change Outs Begin**

Columbus Electric personnel will begin installing new meters north of our headquarters office in Deming beginning in October and continuing over the next 60 days.

A map of the area we will be working in and a list of frequently asked questions can be viewed online at [www.columbusco-op.org](http://www.columbusco-op.org).



### **2020 Youth Tour Sponsored by CEC**

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June, 2020, will be awarded to 2 High School students. One student from our east side service area and one from the west side service area will be selected.

Applications are available now until December 13<sup>th</sup>, at [www.columbusco-op.org](http://www.columbusco-op.org), the Deming office and the Deming and Animas High School or contact Malarie Villegas for any information at 575-546-8838.

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