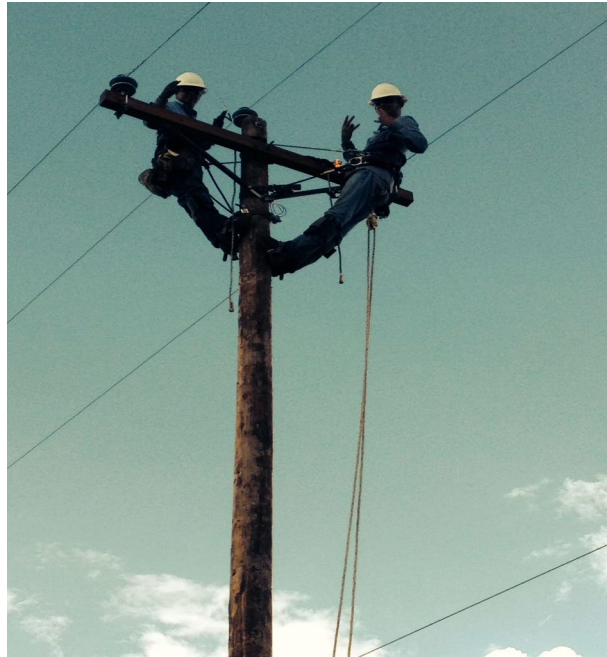


# COLUMBUS CURRENTS

## *CEC Congratulates Linemen*



*Justin Donnel & Gabriel Hernandez, Journeyman Linemen at CEC*

Justin Donnel and Gabriel Hernandez, employees with Columbus Electric Cooperative, have successfully completed one of the world's most comprehensive training programs for power line personnel. The Merchant Job Training and Safety Program is administered to line personnel in 40 states throughout the United States. The program is a four-year program comprised of both book work and hands-on training. Participants must demonstrate mastery in order to complete each section of the course. Each utility has an acting Training Coordinator responsible for administering "closed book" tests at the end of each section. At the end of the fourth year work book, both trainees took a comprehensive final exam covering material from the entire four years. Donnel and Hernandez and all of the staff at Columbus Electric are proud of their accomplishment.

Congratulations to Justin Donnel and Gabriel Hernandez, who can look forward to a very rewarding occupation putting their skills to work for you – our members – to help deliver safe, reliable, affordable electric energy and to help provide power for the future.

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

During this Thanksgiving season, we would like to express thanks to all the people who together make the cooperative a special kind of place...the members who own the cooperative....the board members who offer leadership....the employees who keep everything running smoothly....and everyone in the community who offers support.

### 12 Days of Holiday Safety



It's easy to make safety a part of your holiday with these tips. Tackle one day and you're well on your way to a safe New Year!

<p><b>Day 1 What's that noise?</b> Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Make sure everyone knows what to do if they hear them.</p> <p><b>Day 2 What a shocker!</b> Before use, inspect all electrical lights, decorations, and extension cords for damage.</p> <p><b>Day 3 Two's company, three's a crowd.</b> Do not overload outlets with too many decorations or devices.</p> <p><b>Day 4 Is it working?</b> Test your ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) to make sure they're protecting you.</p>	<p><b>Day 5 Ouch!</b> Prevent trips and falls by keeping cords safely along walls and out of doorways and high traffic areas.</p> <p><b>Day 6 Kids eat the darndest things!</b> Avoid putting lights, metal hooks, breakable ornaments, and other small decorations within reach of young children.</p> <p><b>Day 7 Thirsty?</b> Keep your Christmas tree stand full of water. A fresh, green tree poses less of a fire hazard than a dry tree.</p> <p><b>Day 8 Make a wish!</b> Blow out the candles before leaving a room or going to bed.</p>	<p><b>Day 9 Nice and warm.</b> Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn—decorations, trees, gifts, and curtains.</p> <p><b>Day 10 Can't touch this!</b> Consider installing tamper-resistant outlets/receptacles to prevent kids from inserting objects into the slots.</p> <p><b>Day 11 Escape Route:</b> Share your family fire escape plan with overnight guests.</p> <p><b>Day 12 Hot stuff!</b> Keep children away from cooking areas; use back burners and turn pot handles in away from little hands.</p>
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There's no greater gift you can give your family than a safe and happy holiday! Learn more at [holidaysafety.org](http://holidaysafety.org).

**Don't Miss Your Chance!**



Pay your bill using our KIOSK payment system for a chance to win a 43 Inch TV

**How to Enter:** Pay your bill using the Kiosk, present your receipt to a member service representative and be entered for a chance to win the LG 43" TV.

While supplies last, receive a small gift just for trying our Kiosk payment system.

**Winner will be announced on December 21, 2018.**

## You Could Win CEC's 2019 Youth Tour Trip to Washington, D.C.

**ATTENTION ALL CEC SERVICE AREA HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR & SENIORS:** More than 1,500 students from all across America take part in the Youth Tour experience each year, and so can you! This unique trip will give you the opportunity to watch history come alive as you explore museums, memorials and monuments. You will make lifetime friends and be a part of a more than 50,000 alumni in every walk of life – including U.S. Senators and CEOs.

### YOUTH TOUR CONTEST RULES:

- Must be a junior or senior in high school in the fall of 2019
- Must have a GPA or 3.0 or higher
- Must be an immediate family member of an active CEC member
- Submit completed application by Friday, November 30, 2018

### YOUTH TOUR DATES:

- June 14-21, 2019

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION CONTACT OUR OFFICE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

*Emergency Response Number*  
**1-800-228-0579**

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**1-800-950-COOP (2667)**