

COLUMBUS CURRENTS

Congratulations Michael!

Michael Vega, an employee with Columbus Electric Coop, has 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 more than 40 states throughout the United States.

Michael and the support staff at Columbus Electric Coop can be proud of their accomplishment. Each utility has an acting Training Coordinator assisting their Trainees by administering "closed book" testing. The coordinators manage their own people throughout the training process from rules set by the MJTS and the statewide association personnel.

Congratulations to Michael Vega, who completed the program distinguished with honors. He can look forward to a very rewarding lifelong occupation.



Pictured above: (left) Daniel Lopez, Line Superintendent, (right) Michael Vega, Journeyman Lineman

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5 WAYS to Reduce Use During Extreme Heat

During periods of extreme heat, the demand for electricity can skyrocket, placing additional strain on the grid. By working together to lower our electricity use, we can reduce pressure on the grid.

Here are five effective ways to lower use at home.

1. Raise your thermostat setting a few degrees higher than usual. Every degree can reduce cooling energy consumption.
2. Cook with smaller appliances to save energy and reduce heat gain in the kitchen.
3. Keep blinds, curtains and shades closed during the hottest part of the day to block direct sunlight.
4. Use fans to circulate air, which can make you feel cooler without needing to lower the thermostat.
5. Shift activities that require a lot of energy consumption to off-peak hours when demand is lower.

HAPPY
4th
of July

Our office will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day!



Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees approved the operations and financial reports for the month of April. They also approved the engagement of the auditing firm, Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss for the 2025 financial audit.



Save with Budget Billing



The Cooperative offers a budget billing payment plan to residential members. This free program allows members to save money during high usage months which helps to better manage monthly expenses. Budget billing allows members to pay an average, fixed amount instead of paying the full amount of usage each month. The plan offers a set monthly payment that is based on the member's actual usage for the previous 12 months. This can help with the seasonal usage increases during this time of year. For more information regarding the budget billing program please call our office at 1-800-950-2667.

2025 Long Rope Safety Award

Columbus Electric would like to congratulate employee Pete Sanchez for being recognized by his peers with the 2025 Long Rope Safety Award. The award is given to an individual with a positive attitude towards safety, communication, and safe work environment.



Pictured above: (Left) Cade Standifer, Safety Meeting Instructor, (Right) Pete Sanchez,

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Take advantage of the warmer weather to reduce home energy use. Avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the energy used to power the oven or stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for additional air conditioning.

You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen and explore new ways to save energy!

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