

OWEN ELECTRIC CONNECTION

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“We’re here to serve you”

We’ve all heard this phrase countless times. These words may sound generic, but to us, they mean everything.

Owen Electric Cooperative was created to serve our community. In 1937, neighbors banded together and formed our co-op for the common good. It was the only way the community could bring electricity to the area where there was none. In doing so, Owen Electric helped the community thrive. That mission-focused heritage is the golden thread that is woven throughout our 86-year history.

Today, we continue to power the community. While our focus has remained steady on providing safe, affordable and reliable electricity to our members, today’s energy landscape and consumer expectations are far different than they were decades ago. That’s why we’re adapting—to keep pace with changing technology, evolving needs and new expectations.

Serving as your trusted energy advisor means we want to help you save energy (and money) and provide advice and information on a broad range of energy topics. For example, if you’re looking for ways to save energy, check out owenelectric.com/energy-efficiency-info-programs-rebates for energy saving tips and ideas to increase

the energy efficiency of your home. Consider scheduling a free energy audit with our energy advisor to identify ways you can make your home more efficient and comfortable. Understanding how your home uses electricity can help determine the best ways to modify energy use and subsequently keep more money in your wallet.

If you’re considering a home solar array, our energy advisor is happy to give you an unbiased view of the pros and cons. Investing in solar is a major decision, and it’s important to fully understand the costs, responsibilities and potential energy savings. Unlike a solar company that has one objective—to sell its products and services—we will look at the total energy picture and help you determine the best options for your home. We understand that homeowners must undertake their due diligence, and we’re here to help you through that process.

In a similar vein, we recognize that many members are considering purchasing electric vehicles. Owen Electric purchased its own EV in 2021, so we’ve learned a lot about everything electric vehicles have to offer. We are happy to provide information about EV charging and electrical requirements to our members so

you can make informed decisions about EVs. We can provide a candid assessment of residential and business charging requirements for all types of EVs.

So, the next time you hear Owen Electric use the phrase “we’re here to serve you,” we hope you know that we mean it. Service is deeply ingrained into who we are. We continue to evolve with the times, and in return, we’ve found additional ways to serve you and provide more options for you to power your life.

Connect with us in person, online, through the OEC Mobile app or through our social media channels. However you connect, please let us know how we can serve you better.

CONNECT WITH US



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Call (800) 372-7612 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to speak with a Member Services Representative.



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Visit any of our four office locations in Owenton, Florence, Dry Ridge and Butler.

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Hey Jude

Q: How can I be as efficient as possible with a window air conditioner? How do I know what size to get?

A: As with all home appliances, ENERGY STAR is the way to go. When an appliance has an ENERGY STAR rating, it is 30% more efficient than the standard model. Over the life of the appliance, this can provide substantial savings in energy costs.

When evaluating air conditioning units, you have multiple things to consider—size, noise level, energy savings options (sleep mode), ease of use (remote control) and fan-only option, to name a few.

When it comes to sizing, most units are between 5,000 BTU and 14,000 BTU. These will efficiently cool rooms between 150 and 700 square feet. These measurements can be found on

the packaging or through an easy internet search.

As with most appliances, the more bells and whistles (ease of use items listed previously), the more expensive it will be to purchase.

Another option to consider is the small, portable air conditioner. There are multiple similarities with the window units, but installation is usually easier, and you can move the unit from room to room. These units occupy a little floor space, but they don't require time-consuming installation.

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Expert? Send it our way at info@owenelectric.com.

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Annual meeting

On Thursday and Friday, June 8 and 9, we greeted more than 2,600 of our members during our Member Appreciation Days event and annual meeting. Thanks to each and every one of you for helping make this year's event a success.



President and CEO Mike Cobb gives updates about the cooperative, reflecting on projects in 2022 and early 2023, and looking ahead to endeavors for the remainder of the year. Photo: Whitney Duvall



Jim Petreshock waits to hand out buckets and register members during our Member Appreciation Days event. Photo: Wade Harris



Congratulations to Graciela Covarrobias, Verona, the recipient of our \$2,000 scholarship. Photo: Whitney Duvall



We love seeing our furry friends come through the registration line! Their paw-rents get a bucket, and they get a treat. Photo: Wade Harris



Congratulations to our winners, from left, Mary Vogel, Walton; Leroy Newton, Williamstown; and Norita Alexander, Independence. They were recipients of our grand prizes, three \$500 energy gift certificates. Photo: Whitney Duvall



Mike Cobb and Shannon Chappell register members rolling through the registration line in Owenton. Photo: Wade Harris



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Out and about in our communities State Summer Games

One of our favorite volunteer opportunities coincides with Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives' sponsorship of the Special Olympics Summer Games, held Saturday, June 3, at Eastern Kentucky University.

Owen Electric's President & CEO

Mike Cobb and Residential Services Manager Jude Canchola volunteered for the day. Cobb is pictured below, helping with the set up of the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives hot air balloon; Canchola is pictured also, making announcements during the event.



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Career Day event



Manager of Safety Rodney Kincaid talks with Williamstown Independent High School students during the school's Career Day event. Photo: Pam McAlister