

October 2023 • Owen Electric • A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

October is National Co-op Month

ctober is National Co-op Month, and Owen Electric is joining cooperatives across the country to celebrate. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, but they each have a common goal—to provide goods or services for the members of the co-op.

Owen Electric exists to serve its members. Our priority is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to our local communities. Because we are owned and led by you, the members we serve, we can evolve to meet your needs.

This October, as we celebrate Co-op Month, we're focusing on ways that co-ops "grow" for their members.

Co-ops grow communities. Owen Electric helps our communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of co-op members. "Concern for Community" is one of our core principles—and being community-focused is essential to everything we do. That's why we stay engaged with local economic developers, chambers of commerce and school systems.

Co-ops grow together. Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work together to share successful strategies and better ways to serve our members. We're





better when we grow together. We put this principle into action during major storms, when our crews of lineworkers assist our sister cooperatives with storm restoration efforts.

Co-ops grow tomorrow's leaders. Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Whether through school demonstration programs, community events, the Frankfort Youth Tour or the Washington Youth Tour, we're committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our

community and beyond.

Co-ops grow for you. At Owen Electric, your satisfaction is our No. 1 goal. It's why we were formed more than 85 years ago—to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you.



Kids' coloring sheet

SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES





Open and Voluntary Membership





Democratic Member Control

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Members' Economic Participation





Autonomy and Independence

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Education, Training and Information 6



Cooperation Among Cooperatives

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Concern for Community

Did you know all co-ops use the same set of seven principles to quide their work?

Cooperative principles in action: concern for community

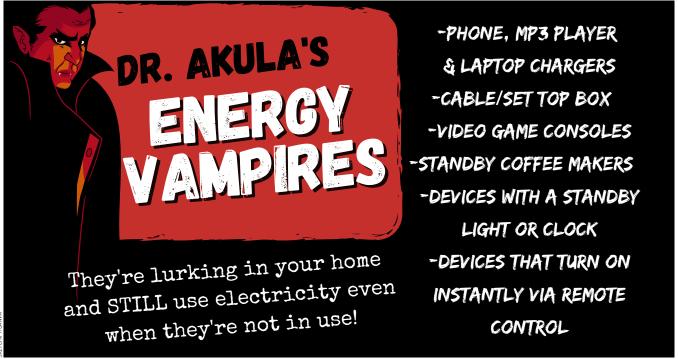
wen Electric takes pride in putting its guiding cooperative principles into action, including its commitment to the communities it serves.



Owen Electric is proud to be a Gold Sponsor of the Kentucky State Police Foundation's Run to Remember 5K, which raises funds to support trooper safety training. Pictured are Emily Myers, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; Michael Cobb, president & CEO of Owen Electric; and Hank Patton, executive director of the Kentucky State Police Foundation. Photos: Whitney Duvall



Member Services Representative Kenzie Fitzgerald labels food donations with expiration dates for the food pantry at the Ronald McDonald House. Each year, Kenzie coordinates a co-op-wide drive for much-needed items to be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. "The Ronald McDonald House helps so many families in need and keeps families together when they need it the most," she says. "By collecting items for their wish list and volunteering on site, I get to help make that happen. Families can focus on their child and not all of the other stress in life."





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Vehicle Information

893 2012 GMC 1500 4x4, 197k miles **941** 2018 Chevrolet 1500 4x4, 157k miles 885 2010 Chevrolet 2500 4x4, 197k miles 909 2013 GMC 2500 4x4, 194k miles 878 2010 Chevrolet 1500 4x4, 189k miles

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