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Chariton Valley
Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative



DECEMBER 2017

Save this holiday season with your Co-op Connections Card ▶ See Page 4 for participating local businesses

Best Wishes

for a happy,
safe and
energy-smart
holiday!

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Find out how **power**
is restored after
a major storm

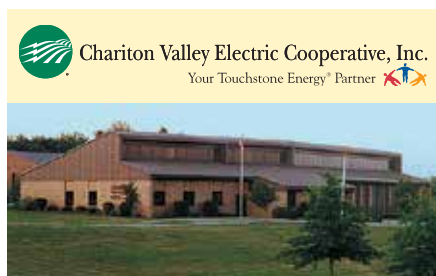
How long will your
water heater last?

New energy sources
are **changing** how the
utility grid works

CVEC participates in the Albia merchants' trick-or-treat



On Oct. 31, CVEC employees were part of the annual Albia merchants' Halloween event around the town square. LED Lucy and Bolt the Bucket Truck were on hand to help CVEC staff pass out candy and Halloween toys to all the little ghosts and goblins. ⚡



 Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

Office

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Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays

Telephone Numbers

Days, nights or holidays:
641-932-7126 (local)
or 800-475-1702

Website

www.cvrec.com

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

We accept



Save this holiday season with your Co-op Connections Card

These local businesses all accept the Co-op Connections Card, and they can't wait to see you during the holiday shopping season! Don't

have a card? Pick up your free card at the CVEC office, or call Tod Faris at 641-932-7126 for additional information. ⚡

Automotive

Centerville Body Shop

Centerville
641-856-6328
• \$25 off any Line-X Spray-In Bedliner

McCarthy Tire Service

Centerville
641-856-6700
• \$10 off alignment with purchase of set of 4 tires

Pete Harkness Auto Group

Centerville
641-437-4040
• Will beat any price on set of 4 tires and provide free tire rotations for the lifetime of those tires
• \$19.95 standard oil change (not valid with synthetic and diesel oil)

RK Auto Body

Centerville
641-856-2500
• 10% off WeatherTech accessories

Golf & Recreation

Albia Golf

Albia
641-932-5002
• 10% off regular price 18-hole green fees (Monday-Friday)

FoxHole LLC Gun Range

Ottumwa
641-682-0011
• \$100 off Range Party 4 for 4 Deal
• \$3 off Daily Range Pass

J & K Dinner Cruises

Moravia
641-895-0940
• \$100 off dinner party cruise with boat rental. Show card at boarding, get \$5 drink card

Preserve Golf Course at Honey Creek Resort

Moravia
641-724-1400
• 10% off 18-hole regular price green fee (Monday-Friday only)

Health, Fitness and Beauty

Jenz Trendz

Centerville
641-216-8018
• 20% off eyelash sets
• \$10 off a tan or spray-tan package
• 20% off a chemical service
• 50% off 1 product purchase per month

Rathbun Lake Area YMCA

Centerville
641-437-1976
• 50% off 1st month membership fee

Snap Fitness 24-7

Centerville
641-569-7005
• \$8.95 for 1st month of any new membership (average discount value of \$75)

Home Improvement

Factory Outlet Carpet

Centerville
641-856-3000
• Free carpet pad with orders over \$500

Fogle True Value

Centerville
641-856-6353
• \$10 off regular price electric water heater and/or room air conditioner (must qualify for rural electric cooperative rebate – not valid with other sales or discounts)

Gilworth Furniture

Centerville: 641-856-2002
Ottumwa: 641-684-1611
Oskaloosa: 641-676-1691
Trenton: 660-339-5032
• 10% credit on any purchase

Lockridge

Centerville: 641-856-2175
Chariton: 641-774-2785
Promise City: 641-874-5402
Unionville: 660-947-2783
• \$25 off all in-stock electric water heaters

Southern Iowa Heating and Cooling

Centerville
641-895-0361
• 10% off service call
• FREE Wi-Fi thermostat with any comfort equipment purchase

Tom's Tree Service

Albia
641-932-7551
• 10% off tree trimming work or stump grinding

Your Square Deal Furniture and Appliances

Centerville
641-856-4000
• 10% off appliance service and repair
• FREE 10-year limited warranty on all new appliance purchases

Lodging

Honey Creek Resort

Moravia
866-797-5308
Special Room Rates
• September-May: Resort View \$79 per night; Lake View \$89 per night
• June-August: Receive 15% off standard room

Medical

Family Medical Supply

Centerville
641-216-8217
• 15% off all grab bars
• 10% off service calls
• 10% off all cash sales if you say you found us on Facebook

Restaurants

Brick Street Grille, Johnson Style

Albia
641-932-5442
• \$1 off any sandwich, salad or wrap (Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Captain's Landing

Moravia
641-724-3743
• Get a large ice cream cone for the price of a small

KFC/Taco Bell

Centerville
641-856-2110
• 10% off KFC purchases
• Buy one, get one regular taco FREE

Louie's Lakeside Bistro & BBQ

Moravia
515-371-5599
• \$5 off any large pizza

Lula's

Centerville
641-436-1233
• \$0.50 off 1/2 dozen or \$1 off dozen cupcakes (one use per visit – doesn't apply to custom orders)

Sonic Drive-In

Centerville
641-437-1919
• Buy one, get one single-patty cheeseburger FREE

Subway

Centerville
641-437-4488
• \$0.50 off any foot-long sub (void with other offer or coupon)

Tackle This

Rathbun
641-647-2050
• \$1 off Train Wreck breakfast entree

Wray's at Appanoose Country Club

Centerville
641-586-2222
• 10% off food and beverage purchases over \$25

Retail

Browns Shoe Fit

Centerville
641-856-6703
• 10% off regular-priced merchandise

Centerville Produce

Centerville
641-856-3020
• 15% off retail price all YETI products (not valid with other discounts or offers)



Cosby's Audio Video and Appliance

Centerville
641-437-4814
• 20% off cellphone accessory

Dam Site Depot

Centerville
641-724-3300
• \$3 off every \$25 in-store purchase

Flower Center

Centerville
641-856-6543
• 10% off fresh flowers
• 20% off 1 regular-priced gift item

Flower Tique and Covered in Flour Bakery

Centerville
641-437-4131
• \$3 off order \$25 or more

FoxHole LLC

Centerville:
641-437-1053
Ottumwa:
641-682-0011
• 50% off Concealed Carry Class rate
• \$1 off each box of ammo w/purchase of 5 or more boxes
• \$10 off FFL transfers

Gypsy Quarter

Centerville
641-437-1090
• 10% off regular-priced clothing or fashion accessory items (cannot combine with other discounts or promotions)

Moravia Meat Locker

Moravia
641-724-3336
• Purchasing meat over the counter: \$3 off \$25 order
• Processing your beef or pork: receive \$10 off

Shabby Chic Boutique

Centerville
641-895-0251
• 20% off any Shabby Chic fabric (excluding vender fabric)

Smokin Hot Fine Cigars and Vapors

Centerville:
641-216-8174
Oskaloosa:
641-569-9127
Ottumwa:
641-954-8069
• \$5 off all purchases over \$50

The HallTree

Centerville
641-437-4514
• 20% off 1 regular-priced item

The Shoppes at Bradley Hall

Centerville
641-856-5345
• 20% off regular-priced Yankee Candles (not valid with other discounts or offers)

Tie Dye Shop and Boutique

Centerville
641-895-9619
• 20% off retail price purchases (not valid with other discounts or offers)

Be sure to ask every business you visit if it accepts the Co-op Connections Card.



LOCAL PERSPECTIVE



Wrapped in value ...

BY BRYON STILLEY

I don't think there's a more exciting time of year than the weeks leading up to Christmas. As a child, I remember taking a piece of candy from my family's Advent calendar each night, with the anticipation building as we counted down the days to December 25th.

While the holiday season is full of excitement, we sometimes miss the magic as we juggle hefty shopping lists, parties and finishing work projects before the end of the year. These tasks can add stress – not joy – to the holiday season. However, those of us at Chariton valley Electric want to take a second to remind you what the holiday season is truly about!

The best holiday joy can be seen in the faces of your friends and neighbors who work at Chariton valley Electric. You can find us volunteering at local events, toy drives and shelters this time of year.

Folks in southern Iowa created your electric co-op 72 years ago to power our community and empower members to improve their quality of life. That's our purpose. It warms my heart to see our staff going the extra mile to power our community and make life a bit better for everyone during the holidays.

Remember, after the gifts are wrapped and the meals are cooked, take time to look into the faces of those around your table. Take a moment to watch the excitement in the eyes of your children and grandchildren! They're your purpose. The rest of the holiday scramble is just details, and we can help you take care of a few of those.

Happy holidays!

Bryon Stilley is the general manager of Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

EDITOR'S CHOICE CONTEST

Win a powerful cordless vacuum that cleans from floor to ceiling!

Black+Decker's new Powerseries Pro line of cordless vacuums can be used as uprights or detachable canisters with integrated extension wands for accessing hard-to-reach areas. With powerful suction and up to 60 minutes of runtime, the lineup includes a standard version, a second model designed to handle pet hair and a third version for allergy sufferers. Prices start at about \$150; visit www.blackanddecker.com for details.

To enter this month's contest for a standard unit, go to the *Living with Energy in Iowa* website at www.livingwithenergyiniowa.com and complete the entry form no later than Dec. 31, 2017.



DO SOMETHING!



Annual food drive is now underway

For the 8th year in a row, CVEC is holding a food drive to benefit those less fortunate in our community. If you'd like to help make a difference, please drop off nonperishable goods at the CVEC office at 2090 Hwy. 5 South, Albia, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 19. ⚡

7 Cooperative Principle No. 7: Concern for the Community

OFFICE CLOSING

Christmas: Office closed Dec. 22 and 25

New Year's Day: Office closed Jan. 1

Even when our office is closed, you can call us at 641-932-7126, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for answers to billing and account questions, paying your bill and service interruptions.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

CO-OP VIPs

Mother Nature's worst brings out our best

"Cooperation among cooperatives" is one of the seven core principles that guide all electric cooperatives across the country, and it includes providing mutual aid to other electric co-ops in need – even if they're halfway across the U.S.

CVEC linemen Thad DeMoss and Justin Bossard (*right*) volunteered to make the journey south to help restore extensive power outages caused by Hurricane Irma. They provided needed manpower to make repairs as safely and quickly as possible for members of Okefenokee Rural Electric



Membership Corporation along the Florida-Georgia line.

Chariton Valley Electric would like to recognize and sincerely thank our two linemen for putting their lives on hold in Iowa to help others when the need arose! ⚡

Light up the holiday season safely.

Holiday lighting safety tips:

- Before hanging holiday lights outside, look out for overhead power lines. Never throw light strands into trees near power lines.
- Never string more than three strands of lights together unless the packaging says it is safe to do so. Overloaded cords or outlets could start a fire.
- Turn holiday lights off before going to sleep or leaving the house. A timer can help you do this.
- Inspect all the lights you plan on using. Make sure the wires are in good condition—not cracked, brittle, or frayed. The sockets should not be damaged, and no light bulbs should be missing.
- Never tack or nail through a strand of lights. Do not place cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.
- Get more safety tips at SafeElectricity.org
- Lighted and electrical outdoor decorations should be plugged into ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected outlets.

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