

Solar powers history in Farrar

With more than 36% of the solar array in Ste. Genevieve spoken for by residential members, CEC wants to thank our first commercial participant for joining in SharedSolar.

Eggers and Company General Store, Bed and Breakfast, owned by Steve and Ellen Frye in Farrar, was the first commercial member to participate in SharedSolar. As conservationists and business owners, Steve and Ellen decided to receive sustainable, carbon-free electricity.

Nestled in rural Perry County, Eggers and Company General Store, Bed and Breakfast is an example of rural 1900 America. First constructed in 1896, it was the second general store in the community. Steve and Ellen have worked to keep the original feeling and decor. Martin "Tom" Eggers, Ellen's grandfather, and his brother Walter owned the store from 1920 through 1966. The store and the house attached to it are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Visitors may stay at the bed and breakfast year round on Friday and Saturday nights, with extended lodging available Wednesday-Sunday during June, July and August. All rooms have the same rate and can be viewed on their website www.EggersAndCompany.com. The store, open by appointment, offers many works by local artists, a



Ellen's Grandfather, "Tom", served as Post Master for Farrar, MO from 1929-1959. The Post Office was located inside Eggers and Company General Store.

fantastic collection of chickens and roosters, oil lamps and tins.

Several small towns and amenities are within a short drive from Eggers and Company General Store, Bed and Breakfast, which is only 8 miles from Perryville. Among those are: Hemman Winery, Brazeau, MO; Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum, Altenburg, MO; Saxon Lutheran Memorial, Frohna, MO and The Barrens Winery, Perryville, MO.

Ellen and Steve support renewable energy. "We wanted to sign onto SharedSolar to contribute and to support solar energy development," said Ellen Frye. "This technology can produce energy without harm to nature as well as produce jobs. We see it as an investment in the future."

"Our mission statement for Eggers & Co. is Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present and Envisioning the Future," stated Ellen. "Honoring the past means that we not only preserve the physical structure of Eggers & Co General Store, but tell the history of the Eggers family, the community of Farrar and rural America in the mid 1900's. Celebrating the present is what we offer our guests; a place for overnight accommodations and also a venue for special events. In envisioning the future, we search for ways to become better stewards of resources, such as recycling and composting."

SharedSolar is a voluntary program



Ellen and Steve Frye own Eggers and Company, Bed and Breakfast in Farrar, MO.

that provides participating members with carbon-free, sustainable electricity. Members can choose to have this environmental benefit for as little as \$0.99 a month. Call 877-876-3511 or visit www.CECMO.com/content/sharedsolar for more information.

"We hope that other members will also voluntarily contribute to this program and that by showing interest and support in solar energy more solar fields will be constructed," said Ellen. "It's like voting for clean energy by spending only pennies per day. Showing interest in a market for green energy will help develop more technology in this field. We can envision preserving the earth for future generations."

LIHEAP funding

Households with a person who is disabled or 60 years of age or older can apply for energy assistance at East Missouri Action Agency starting Oct. 1. Low-income individuals who don't meet that criteria may apply beginning Nov. 1. Funding will not be released until Nov. 1 and Dec. 1 respectively.

Cape Girardeau County: 573-334-5533

Perry County: 573-547-2014

St. Francois County: 573-431-0103

Ste. Genevieve County: 573-883-7252

If you need assistance and your local office is not open, call 800-392-8663.

Applications are also available online at eastmoaa.org.

When mailing your application, it is important to follow the directions on the instruction sheet. Failure to provide all the required documentation could result in slower processing time or assistance denial. Do not mail your application to your local EMEA office.

Mail your completed application and required documentation to: East Missouri Action Agency, Attn: Energy Processing Center, P.O. Box 308, Park Hills, MO 63601.

A time to give the gift of light

The holiday season has long-standing traditions and symbols; few are more powerful than the candle. From the lighting of candles during religious ceremonies to warm ambiance they set during formal meals, the candle holds a special place for many.

Unfortunately, the candle is also a very real source of light and warmth

for many during the winter. Those that are less fortunate often have difficulty paying bills that result from the expense of heating. Electric space heaters and poorly insulated homes cause heating bills to rise.

All too often our members that are hit the hardest are the ones that have the least.

By participating in Operation Round-Up, making

a one-time donation to Operation Round-Up or purchasing power for a loved one, you can ensure that the candle remains a symbol of faith and family instead of a heating and lighting necessity.

Find out more by calling Citizens Electric at 877-876-3511, or sign up at www.CECMO.com.



For less than \$12 a year, you can help those in times of need to receive assistance with their electric bill. Operation Round-up participants give a yearly average of less than \$7.

CEC Calendar Photo Contest

We are looking for photos taken by our members to be used in our 2019 calendar. Submissions are open until January 31, 2018. Photos should be appropriate for different seasons/months, and prizes will be awarded for the cover, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for both adults and youth.

Photos should be from the areas we serve in Cape Girardeau, Perry and Ste.

Genevieve counties.

The calendar will go to print in early 2018 and will be issued starting November 1, 2018. Images must be horizontal and submitted as a high-resolution digital file accompanied by an 8" x 10" print on photo quality paper. Entry forms are available by request, at our Perryville office or at cecmo.com.

More information is available online at www.CECMO.com or call Shawn at 877-876-3511.

Prizes:

- Cover \$250
- 1st place (adult and youth) \$100
- 2nd place (adult and youth) \$75
- 3rd place (adult and youth) \$50

Director nominations now open

There are three directorship terms expiring in 2018: one representing Ste. Genevieve/St. Francois Counties; one representing Perry County; and one representing Cape Girardeau County.

Anyone meeting the qualifications set forth in Article II, Section 2 of the Corporation's By-Laws and interested in being considered as a potential director candidate should complete a Director Candidacy Form* and turn it in to one of the following members of the 2018 Nominating Committee before **December 4, 2017**:

Ken Anderson	573.547.6541
Brandy Balsman	573.768.9847
Chauncy Buchheit	573.883.5413
Jay Lottes Jr.	573.768.2186
Paul Mullins	573.883.2773
Matt Trautman	573.883.5790
Richard Winter	573.833.6962

Director nominations may also be achieved through a petition process as set forth in Article II, Section 3 of the Corporation's By-Laws.

*To obtain a copy of the Director Candidacy Form or to obtain additional information, please visit our website at www.cecmo.com or call 573.768.3901.

Capital credit allocation factors

Citizens Electric operates as a not-for-profit cooperative and allocates (assigns) capital credits whenever revenues exceed expenses. Those margins are assigned based on the patronage (revenue) from each member.

CEC's power supplier, Wabash Valley Power Association, is also a cooperative and allocates capital credits to CEC based on its power purchases.

At its Sept. 21 meeting, Citizens' board of directors authorized a capital credit allocation for 2016 at a factor of 7.5328 percent of gross revenues, which includes 4.4574 percent of gross revenues relative to the Corporation's operations and 3.0754 percent of gross revenues relative to power supply from WVPA.

Citizens' board of directors authorized a capital credit allocation for 2015 at a factor of 4.9864 percent of gross revenues, which included 2.2909 percent of gross revenues relative to the Corporation's operations and 2.6955 percent of gross revenues relative to power supply from WVPA.

CEC keeps the allocations separate, so its board can retire CEC or WVPA credits at appropriate times. Please note: These capital credits are being allocated at this time, not refunded.