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Mission Statement

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation is committed to providing dependable, affordable electric service through the expertise and dedication of competent leadership and a well-trained and responsive workforce.

AS I SEE IT

Manager's Viewpoint

Rules drafted in Washington have impact in CEMC area

Cooperatives, like most local businesses, work through the highs and lows of a cyclical economy. When a potential economic hazard arises and we have an opportunity to affect the outcome, you better believe we do whatever we can to prevent or mitigate it. That's why we are concerned about new rules coming out of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to limit greenhouse gases blamed for climate change.

Nonprofit electric cooperatives work every day to provide affordable, reliable electricity to the more than 42 million Americans we serve. At Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation, we steadfastly focus on ways to slow the rising cost of electricity and find ways to help you save on your electricity bill.

Environmental regulations share part of the blame for rising electricity costs. Electric co-ops have already invested billions of dollars in equipment to reduce air pollution, but greenhouse gases pose a far more difficult challenge to capture, and the new technology just isn't ready for prime time.

Equally troubling to comprehend, the EPA readily admits that cutting these emissions would not have much global impact on overall greenhouse gas levels.

The bottom line is that these regulations unfairly and disproportionately affect members of electric cooperatives. They

target regions of the U.S. most dependent on coal for electricity. And increasing electricity prices could endanger efforts to attract new businesses, not to mention

retaining current employers.

By harnessing America's ingenuity, we can do better.

This debate should be about working together to develop a sustainable energy future. This debate should be about how the government supports utilities in a collective effort to develop technologies that can reduce greenhouse gases at a

justifiable and reasonable pace.

That's why electric cooperatives are pushing an XPRIZE initiative (www.xprize.org/prize/tri-state-carbon-xprize) to find technologies that actually can turn greenhouse gases into useful resources with market value.

Creating a sustainable energy future requires us to make ambitious changes. A power plant that closes down will not emit greenhouse gases, but it also won't incubate a new technology, give a bright young engineer an opportunity or ensure that its community continues to receive reliable, affordable electricity.

To help our communities thrive, we need Washington to recognize the potential harm of these regulations and find a different path to a better energy future. Let your voice be heard by visiting www.action.coop.



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Director candidates must meet July 22 deadline

Members of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation interested in serving on CEMC's board of directors can obtain a petition from the general manager's office. Each petition must be signed by at least 15 members.

The petition must be completed and turned in by the deadline of Tuesday, July 22, which is 60 days prior to the 2014 annual meeting. This year's meeting will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, at Portland High School in Sumner County.

An election will be held for the following director positions: director-at-large, North Montgomery County, North Stewart County and South Sumner County.

Anyone with a valid membership in good standing as of July 22 can vote in the director elections. Those applying for membership after July 22 will not be eligible to vote in this year's election but can attend the meeting and register for prizes.

(CEMC Bylaws Article 3 — Section 3.05)

Tennessee-Kentucky Threshermen's Association 45th Annual Threshing Show *Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19* Bell School Grounds in Adams



Admission: \$6 — children 10 and under FREE

- Steam engines
- Antique tractors
- Wheat-threshing
 - Sawmilling
- Antique gas and diesel engines
 - Tractor pulls
 - Arts and crafts
 - Live music
 - Food
- The big Saturday parade

Gates open at 8 a.m. with FREE parking

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CEMC to conduct field inventory audit

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation is engaged in collecting data on all of its facilities (poles, joint use, security lights, etc.) for the entire service territory. CEMC's service territory covers most of Cheatham, Montgomery, Robertson, Stewart and Sumner counties in northern Middle Tennessee as well as parts of Dickson County. CEMC also serves a few customers in southern Kentucky along the Tennessee-Kentucky border. X-Line Inc. Utility Services has been contracted by CEMC to perform this data collection. The project will begin in July and should be completed by July 2015.

The information gathered from the facilities inventory project will enable CEMC to operate and maintain its electric distribution system in a more efficient and dependable manner.

Please contact CEMC's Customer Contact Center at 800-987-2362 with questions regarding any aspect of the data collection for this project.



CEMC honors student achievements

North Stewart Elementary School (NSE) held its annual Math Marathon for second through fifth grades on April 9. Winners from each grade level and the school's overall winner were awarded cash prizes courtesy of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation.

CEMC also provided prizes for winners of the Cumberland Heights Spelling Bee and the math contest held in the Cheatham County School District.

"CEMC is a proud sponsor of various school programs throughout our service area," says CEMC Community Relations Coordinator Stephanie Lobdell. "We are so proud of all our students and are happy to recognize and reward them for their achievements."



Fourth-grader Eli Haley is Overall Winner of the 2014 NSE Math Marathon by earning the most points among students in all grade levels.



Second-grade winners are, from left, Averi Tolley, second place; Katie Larson, third place; and Connor Lehman, first place.



Third-grade winners are, from left, Jacob Isreal, third place; Colin Smith, second place; and Ruben Perez, first place.



Fourth-grade winners are, from left, Jenifer Diehl, first place; Weston Wallace, second place; and Will Page, third place.



Fifth-grade winners are, from left, Jacob Mathis, third place; Corbin Templon, second place; and Connor Rogers, first place.



Winners of the Cumberland Heights Elementary School Spelling Bee are, from left, Trey Treyani, first place; Sarabeth Mackens, second place; and Bayle Yarbrough, third place. Prizes for the top three students were awarded by Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation.



The Cheatham County School District held its annual math contest for grades 3-5 April 8 and 9. The third-grade winners are, from left, Brendan Saylor, Pleasant View Elementary, first place; Jack Strickland, Kingston Springs Elementary, second place; and Ethan Merritt, Kingston Springs Elementary, third place.



Cheatham County fourth-grade math contest winners are, from left, Erik Widales, West Cheatham Elementary, first place; Charles Roberson, West Cheatham Elementary, second place; and Dayton Dozier, Kingston Springs Elementary, third place.



Cheatham County winners from the fifth grade are, from left, Will Collier, first place; Lauren Moore, second place; and Mary Byrd, third place. All three winners attend Harpeth Middle School. Joining them is CEMC Community Relations Coordinator Stephanie Lobdell.



Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation will be closed Independence Day, Friday, July 4. CEMC personnel will be available in the event of an emergency by calling 1-800-987-2362.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Cool recipes for hot kitchens

By B. Denise Hawkins

Just because it's hot outside, you don't have to stay out of the kitchen. Think beyond the backyard grill. And don't limit your summer fare to tossed salads and cold sandwiches when you want to keep the indoors comfortable, the oven off and energy costs down. With a little time, creativity and a few small appliances, you can save on your utility bill and still stay cool.

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that cooking alone accounts for 4 percent of total home energy use, and this figure doesn't include the energy costs associated with refrigeration, water heating and dishwashing.

While the thought of turning on the oven in July can be enough to make you sweat, electric ovens can be an advantage during the summer months. Many professional cooks prefer electric ovens to gas for their ability to hold more even heat. Electric ovens and stoves are also more energy-efficient because they don't introduce extra moisture into your home when turned on, which can make your air conditioner work harder to cool and drive up energy use and costs.

In winter, the heat and humidity that build up when cooking in the kitchen can also warm other parts of the home while reducing the heating load on your furnace or heat pump. During the summer months, though, there are still ways to use your oven more efficiently. When baking bread, cakes or any foods that require browning and rising, consider limiting the time spent on preheating. If your oven comes with a display that counts down the preheating time, use it.

Try these other kitchen tools and energy-saving tips to keep yourself cool:

- **Turn on the microwave.** It can provide the most efficient way to cook single food items without the heat. They also use lower wattage to operate and can cut cook time in half.
- **Reach for small appliances.** Don't forget about some of summer's best go-to kitchen appliances: toaster ovens, slow cookers and pressure cookers. These handy appliances use less energy and generate less heat than a standard oven.
- **Use fans.** Ceiling fans can be useful in the kitchen. They can reduce thermostat settings by 4 degrees and use much



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less energy than air conditioning. Even placing a ceiling fan in an adjoining dining area will help circulate the air and keep you more comfortable. But for maximum cooling with a fan, consider installing a whole-house or attic fan to keep the hot air moving up and out of your house.

- **Hours of cooling.** In most parts of the country, early morning and late evening provide little reprieves from the summertime heat. Take advantage of the lower temperatures or a summer breeze during these times to cook, bake or turn on the stove and to run the dishwasher.
- **Regulate the dishwasher.** When your summer meal is done and it's time for cleanup, it's fine to run the dishwasher. Did you know that it uses less water than washing dishes by hand? You can save even more money and energy by removing the dishes after the wash cycle and letting them air-dry and by running the dishwasher later in the evening during off-peak hours.

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