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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

Cool off electric bills with TogetherWeSave.com

Scorching temperatures and high electric bills don't need to arrive hand-in-hand this summer. At Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation, we are committed to providing you with not only safe and reliable electric service but also information you need to save energy and keep electric bills affordable when the heat is on.

One of the most powerful tools in CEMC's energy-saving arsenal is TogetherWeSave.com. The website offers nine applications focusing on different actions that, once completed, show an actual savings calculation. For example, in the "Lower Your Water Heater Temperature" application, you can virtually adjust the temperature setting on the water heater dial to see a projection of how much money you could save by doing just that.

Take the Virtual Home Tour on TogetherWeSave.com to find even more ways to cut costs. You will "walk" through a home's family room, kitchen,

laundry room, bedroom, basement and attic. Each area reveals at least two actions you can take to improve your home's energy efficiency. As you move through the rooms and complete the suggested changes, you will see a running tally of potential energy-dollar savings.

The website also provides access to view short energy-efficiency videos. You can even connect with other energy-conscious members by sharing your story about what you are doing to be more efficient. It's remarkable that co-op members just like you from across the

country have already visited TogetherWeSave.com and collectively saved an estimated \$40 million by making small energy-related changes at home.

We want to help you reach your energy-saving goals. So go ahead: Flip a switch, lower the blinds, raise the temperature on your thermostat and visit TogetherWeSave.com to find out how little changes can cool off your electric bill.



Jim Coode
General Manager
Cumberland Electric
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Corporation

**Cumberland Electric
Membership Corporation
will be closed
Independence Day,
Wednesday, July 4.**

CEMC personnel will be on call in the event of an emergency.

Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July!



Member Appreciation Days draw crowds ... hot diggity dog!

Members of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation enjoyed hot dogs prepared on an electric grill and all the trimmings at the sixth annual Member Appreciation Days held at district offices during the month of April. The free events have become springtime favorites for the hundreds of members who join in the fun as well as CEMC employees. Attendees were welcomed by local CEMC personnel and given free CFL bulbs as a reminder to make wise energy choices. And one lucky member at each event went home with his or her very own electric grill:

White House — Laura Perkins
 Gallatin — Wanda Handshoe
 Ashland City — Velvet Primm
 Portland — Chad Bruce
 Springfield — Earl Fuqua
 Clarksville — Shawn Zimmer
 Dover — Greg Greenhill

Don't just take our word for it. Check out these candid shots of CEMC members enjoying Member Appreciation Days!



Board President Joe Whitaker, center, and Gallatin District Operations Supervisor Allan Cook, second from right, visit with members in Gallatin.



White House members receive CFL bulbs after registering to win an electric grill.



Above, Kenny Davis, Clarksville district operations supervisor, right, shows off his ability to multi-task.

Left, Springfield District Engineer Allen Powell, right, welcomes members to the festivities in Springfield.



Dover members gather around the registration table for their shot to win the electric grill.



CEMC employees serve snacks and smiles on a beautiful, sunny day in Portland.



Despite chilly weather, Member Appreciation Day draws a big crowd in Ashland City.

Watch out, Washington, here we come!

By Stephanie Lobdell, public relations coordinator



Alexa Denson



Jordan Gregory



Hailey Hanks



Erin Magee



Kyle McKinney



Logan Mierop



Alex Mullins



Dylan Pentecost



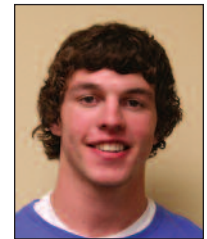
Hannah Phillips



Kyndal Rozelle



Jenna Singer



Drake Young

“D.C. or bust!” That is what 12 deserving students — sponsored by Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation to attend the Washington Youth Tour — will be boasting come June 15. The trip is a reward for writing winning short stories titled “Electric Cooperatives: iPower the Future.”

Electric co-ops across the nation have been sending students to D.C. since the late 1950s because they understand that it is important to the long-term prosperity of their communities for their leaders of tomorrow to learn about the political process.

In addition to the life-changing trip, students will also be competing for \$6,000 in college scholarships.

The journey begins Friday, June 15, as the CEMC student representatives meet up with more than 180 students and chaperones representing Tennessee’s 23 electric cooperatives. The days that follow will be filled with visits to numerous monuments, memorials and museums in D.C. as well as a private tour of the U.S. Capitol where the students will meet

with their elected officials. Attending this year’s Washington Youth Tour from the CEMC service area are:

Alexa Denson, daughter of Keith Denson and Anita Rawls of Greenbrier. Alexa attends Greenbrier High School.

Jordan Gregory, son of Scott Gregory and Kimberly Hall of Greenbrier. Jordan attends Greenbrier High School.

Hailey Hanks, daughter of Jason and Valery Hanks of White House. Hailey attends White House High School.

Erin Magee, daughter of Michael and Sharon Magee of Pleasant View. Erin attends Sycamore High School.

Kyle McKinney, son of Mike and Deborah McKinney of Southside. Kyle attends Montgomery Central High School.

Logan Mierop, son of David Mierop and Brandi King of Goodlettsville. Logan attends White House Heritage High School.

Alex Mullins, daughter of Charlene Mullins of Portland. Alex attends Portland High School.

Dylan Pentecost, son of Bryan and Carla Pentecost of Portland. Dylan attends Portland High School.

Hannah Phillips, daughter of Jeff Rj ktr u and Stacey Stone of White House. Hannah attends White House High School.

Kyndal Rozelle, son of Kevin and Janice Rozelle of Clarksville. Kyndal attends Clarksville High School.

Jenna Singer, daughter of John and Robin Singer of Portland. Jenna attends Pope John Paul High School.

Drake Young, son of Ted and Marydith Young of Clarksville. Drake attends Clarksville High School.

Christy Houston, principal of Montgomery Central High School, will also be attending as CEMC’s faculty representative, and two CEMC employees will serve as chaperones.

In a letter to the CEMC general manager and board of directors, Steve Sorrells, 2011 Youth Tour faculty representative and principal of Greenbrier High School, expressed his appreciation to CEMC for being able to share in the 2011 trip: “As a lifelong resident of the Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation service area, I have a new appreciation for how the cooperative is serving our members and investing in the future of our young people.”

Investing in the future

It has become a tradition of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation to invest in the lives of future leaders by awarding 10 deserving graduating seniors \$1,000 scholarships to help with the costs associated with continuing their formal education beyond high school.

To be eligible for the award, students are required to complete an application to include two letters of recommendation as well as a 300-word essay describing what they look forward to most about attending college and how a scholarship, in terms of financial assistance, will help in completing their education.

This year, CEMC received 120 scholarship applications from high schools across its five-county service area. Recipients were chosen by a panel of retired teachers.

It is our pleasure to announce the 2012 CEMC scholarship winners:

William Atkins, son of Steve and Mary Atkins of Dover. William is a graduate of Stewart County High School and will attend Bethel University.

Nicole Davis, daughter of Douglas and Kim Davis of Clarksville. Nicole is a graduate of Montgomery Central High School and will attend Austin Peay State University.

Miranda Downing, daughter of Jeff and Laura Patterson of Clarksville. Miranda is a graduate of Montgomery Central High School and will attend the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

Khadijah Johnson, daughter of Shaconya Freeman of Springfield. Khadijah is a graduate of Springfield High School and will attend Belmont University.

Stephanie Lamberth, daughter of Gary and Debbie Lamberth of Portland. Stephanie is a graduate of Portland High School and will attend The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Spencer Morris, son of Kenny and Phyllis Morris of Cottontown. Spencer is a graduate of Portland High School and will attend Freed-Hardeman University.

Victoria Mount, daughter of William Mount and Rhonda Thompson of Greenbrier. Victoria is a graduate of Greenbrier High School and will attend Belmont University.

Lauren Sanders, daughter of Richard and Mary Sanders of Cottontown. Lauren is a graduate of White House Heritage High School and will attend Western Kentucky University.

Hunter Staggs, son of John and Emily Staggs of Joelton. Hunter is a graduate of Sycamore High School and will attend Tennessee Tech University.

William Thornton, son of Pamela Thornton of Ashland City. William is a graduate of Cheatham County Central High School and will attend Freewill Baptist Bible College.

To receive CEMC scholarships, students must attend a Tennessee college or university (Murray State University and Western Kentucky University also qualify). **Destiny Legarce**, graduate of Sycamore High School, **Benjamin Coleman**, graduate of Davidson Academy, and **Daniel Franklin**, graduate of Gallatin High School, qualified as scholarship recipients but have been accepted to out-of-state schools.

CEMC congratulates all of the winners and wishes them the best during their college years and beyond.



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Hanging it up after 50 years of service

Don Walker, journeyman lineman on the construction crew, has retired, ending a half-century career with Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation. Walker launched his CEMC career on Jan. 30, 1962, as a janitor in Ashland City. He moved through the ranks, completing the apprentice program in July 1967. After spending the next six years as a lineman, he spent one year as a serviceman and in 1974 was named working foreman, a position he held

"In the late 1980s, we had a failed three-phase regulator in the Ashland City substation. It failed, as fate would have it, on a Saturday with daytime temperatures approaching 100 degrees. My substation group and I spent the entire weekend there rebuilding the unit. Don, who just happened by, spent most of his weekend bringing us food and drinks and running errands for us. He was not on call, nor did he turn in time for the work he did to help. Don has been totally devoted to serving his fellow man and CEMC his entire career."

— CEMC General Manager Jim Coode.



Journeyman lineman Don Walker retired in April after 50 years with the cooperative. Above right is Walker during his 10-year service award ceremony in 1973.

for 32 years. In January 2006, Walker moved to the construction crew as a lineman, and it was there that his remarkable career came to a close. His last official day of work was April 20.

"Don is an inspiration to all who worked with him," said Ronnie Fuqua, construction crew general foreman. "At 68, he could still correct us on the way things should be done."

CEMC payment kiosk open for business

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation's new payment center kiosk was officially activated during a grand opening event April 16 at CEMC headquarters in Clarksville. The kiosk allows members to make credit card, electronic check and



General Manager Jim Coode cuts the ribbon to open CEMC's new payment center kiosk for its first customer, Stacie Lamberth, center, on April 16 in Clarksville. Also present are other members of CEMC staff.



Linda George, eastern region district business office supervisor, left, is on hand during the grand opening to assist members using the payment center.

cash payments 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Being able to make cash payments after hours is a new convenience for members who in the past could only leave a check in the night deposit box or pay by credit/debit card. Plans are being made to install payment kiosks at all CEMC offices over the coming years.