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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

Fathers power our community

As a child, I followed my dad around the house, copying his moves. I wanted to be just like him. For 33 years he worked as an employee of Nashville Electric Service (NES), beginning in the Engineering Department. When he retired, he was manager of operations. I was always fascinated with the intricacies of electric power distribution and the dedication of all the NES employees and the passion they had for their jobs. It was difficult, honest work. I was only a kid, but I knew my family was part of something special.

Children in Cheatham, Montgomery, Robertson, Stewart and Sumner counties look up to their fathers, too — 40 feet up. Fathers at Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation work in rain and snow, day and night, when duty calls. If a storm triggers outages, these fathers don't play "Monopoly" by candlelight or tell bedtime stories. They charge into the fray to fix what is broken.

Some dads work in the eye of the storm. Others take action behind the scenes in our dispatch center, tracking problems and directing crews to trou-

ble spots. They answer calls from members and share the latest news with the media.

Working together, these brave men (and strong women, too) restore power to our community. You can

hear their children cheering them on.

I wanted to be a doctor when I grew up but changed my college major from pre-med to electrical engineering in my sophomore year. Those childhood memories of storms and bucket trucks and rides with my father into the NES dispatch office were embedded. The children of CEMC grow up with men who dedicate their lives to

connecting neighbors to comfort. It's not an easy job. The hours are long, and tasks are dangerous. But the pay-off — making life better for all of us — fuels these resilient men.

June is a time to celebrate fathers. My dad taught me to think about the bigger picture, to find a job I'm passionate about that helps the community. I believe the men of CEMC found their calling. Let's honor the fathers who keep our community strong. Happy Father's Day.



Jim Coode,
General Manager,
Cumberland
Electric Membership
Corporation

Lighting Up the Cumberland

Are you looking for some good small town fun? If so, Cumberland City's annual Fourth of July celebration, Lighting up the Cumberland, is the place for you!

The event takes place Saturday, June 29, on Main Street. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with the parade, will continue on throughout the day with a variety of vendor booths featuring arts and crafts, food and much more and wrap up at 9 p.m. with a spectacular fireworks display on the Cumberland River.

This is one Fourth of July celebration you don't want to miss!



Co-op's 75th anniversary celebrated at annual Member Appreciation Days

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation would like to thank all the fine folks who attended Member Appreciation Days this spring! We had a grand time visiting with members in each of our districts and especially enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate our 75th anniversary with those who made it all possible — our members.

Congratulations to the following members, each of whom won an electric grill:

- Ashland City - Ben Kash
- Clarksville - Tammy Trescott
- Dover - Bobby Hogan
- Gallatin - Margaret Hunter
- Portland - Rita Morris
- Springfield - Tim Hutton
- White House - Joe Smart

We hope to see you again next year!



From left, Ms. Ruby Brinkley, Patty Sue Harper and Sherry Slagle enjoy a beautiful day in White House.



Trey White, engineering technician, ensures members have everything they need at the event in Springfield.



Member Services Assistant Susie Yonkers, left, serves CEMC's special 75th anniversary cake to members in Ashland City.

Jenna Singer wins power distributors scholarship

Jenna Singer of Pope John Paul II High School has been awarded a \$4,000 scholarship from the Tennessee Valley Authority and Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation through the TVA Power Distributors Scholarship Program. Singer graduated with a 4.18 grade-point average and will attend The University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She is the daughter of Robin Singer, CEMC customer account representative, and her husband, John.

Scholarship recipients were chosen by a team of educators from colleges and universi-



Jenna Singer

ties in the seven states of the Tennessee Valley. Selections are based on academic achievement, standardized test scores, leadership qualities, letters of recommendation and written essays describing career goals and how the achievement of those goals will improve the quality of life in the Tennessee Valley.

TVA and its distributors created the scholarship program in 1995 to encourage students to excel academically and to recognize the strength of partnerships among TVA and its distributors.

Young writers win trip of a lifetime



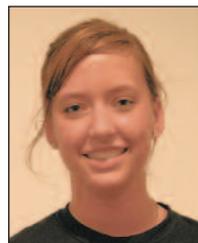
Todd Akins



Alena Casares



Jesse Elkins



Halie Hart



Harvill Havens



Madi Huggins



Caleb Jenkins



Jake Pugh



Dannah Roberts



Jese Vinson



Rickey Winslow



Madison Wyatt

Annual Washington Youth Tour happens June 14-20

Adozen deserving high school juniors are set to embark on the trip of a lifetime as a reward for writing winning short stories titled “Electric Cooperatives: Powering Your Community.” Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation is sponsoring the students to attend the 2013 Washington Youth Tour, a memorable weeklong trip to our nation’s capital.

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

Not only will the students have the opportunity to take this life-changing trip, they will also be competing for \$6,000 in college scholarships.

The journey begins Friday, June 14, 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 a whirlwind of activities, including visits to numerous monuments, memorials and museums in D.C. as well as a private tour of the U.S. Capitol where students will meet with their elected officials. Attending this year’s Washington Youth Tour from the CEMC service area are:

Todd Akins, son of Travis and Kim Akins of Portland. Todd attends Portland High School.

Alena Casares, daughter of Rick and Lisa Casares of Greenbrier. Alena attends Greenbrier High School.

Jesse Elkins, son of Lisa Smalling and Kenny Elkins of Cedar Hill. Jesse attends Jo Byrns High School.

Halie Hart, daughter of Stephen and Wendy Hart of Woodlawn. Halie attends Stewart County High School.

Harvill Havens, daughter of Greg and Dorothy Havens of Clarksville. Harvill attends Clarksville High School.

Madi Huggins, daughter of Steve and Gwyn Huggins of Cunningham. Madi attends Montgomery Central High School.

Caleb Jenkins, son of Mark and Becky Jenkins of White House. Caleb attends White House High School.

Jake Pugh, son of Randall and Beth Pugh of Pleasant View. Jake attends Sycamore High School.

Dannah Roberts, daughter of Kimberly Farmer and Shannon Roberts of Pleasant View. Dannah attends Sycamore High School.

Jese Vinson, daughter of Daren and Lisa Vinson of Dover. Jese attends Stewart County High School.

Rickey Winslow, son of Andrew and Kim Winslow of White House. Rickey attends White House High School.

Madison Wyatt, daughter of El-lona Moss of Portland and Mark Wyatt of Hendersonville. Madison attends Portland High School.

Helena Baier, Portland High School social studies teacher, will also be attending as CEMC’s faculty representative, and CEMC employees Stephanie Lobdell, public relations coordinator, and Seth Roberts, energy consultant, will serve as chaperones.

CEMC awards \$10,000 toward higher education

Obtaining a college degree is a dream shared by many young people, and Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation is honored to help make this dream a reality for the 10 graduating seniors pictured below. Each student has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to assist 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 that includes 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 aid in completing their education.

CEMC received 128 applications from high schools across its five-county service area this year. The papers were judged and recipients selected by a panel of retired teachers.

It is our pleasure to announce the 2013 CEMC scholarship winners:

Ashley Brown, daughter of Larry and Donna Brown of Hendersonville. Ashley is a graduate of Portland High School and will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Taylor Cook, daughter of Teddy and Stella Cook of Indian Mound. Taylor is a graduate of Northwest High School and will attend Austin Peay State University.

Alexa Denson, daughter of Keith Denson and Anita Rawls of Greenbrier. Alexa is a graduate of Greenbrier High School and will attend Western Kentucky University.

Sophie Eden, daughter of John Eden of Hendersonville. Sophie is a graduate of Merrol Hyde Magnet School and will attend Watkins College of Art, Design and Film.

Martin “Eric” Miller, son of Martin and Sonja Miller of Dover. Eric is a graduate of Stewart County High School and will attend Murray State University.

Hannah Phillips, daughter of Jeff Phillips and Stacey Stone of Greenbrier. Hannah is a graduate of White House High School and will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Tanner Pritchett, son of Freddy Pritchett Jr. of Pleasant View. Tanner is a graduate of Sycamore High School and will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Kyndal Rozelle, son of Kevin and Janice Rozelle of Clarksville. Kyndal is a graduate of Clarksville High School and will attend Tennessee Tech University.

David Taylor, son of William and Anita Taylor of Dover. David is a graduate of Stewart County High School and will attend Union University.

Trevor York, son of Lisa York of Pleasant View. Trevor is a graduate of Sycamore High School and will attend Maryville College.

This marks the 15th year CEMC has awarded money through the scholarship program. This year’s winners were chosen from among applicants representing public and private schools throughout the CEMC service area of Cheatham, Montgomery, Robertson, Stewart and Sumner counties.

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



Ashley Brown



Taylor Cook



Alexa Denson



Sophie Eden



Eric Miller



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Kyndal Rozelle



David Taylor



Trevor York

Cranfield, Goldsmith attend Youth Leadership Summit

Brandon Cranfield of Montgomery Central High School and Ashley Goldsmith of Stewart County High School were sponsored by Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation to attend the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association's 2013 Youth Leadership Summit March 25-27 in downtown Nashville. Cranfield and Goldsmith were among 46 high school juniors who attended the annual event as representatives of the state's 23 electric cooperatives.

"The Youth Leadership Summit teaches these exceptional students how important electric cooperatives are to Tennessee's communities and provides them an opportunity to see the legislative process in the Capitol," said Todd Blocker, TECA director of member relations. "Local



From left, Brandon Cranfield, Barbara Harper and Ashley Goldsmith meet for a photo in front of the State Capitol.

electric co-ops, school officials and guidance counselors chose these deserving students to attend the summit based on their interests in government and strong leadership abilities."

"CEMC is pleased to provide motivated students with this opportunity to join their peers from across Tennessee to learn about state government and rural electric co-ops," says Barbara Harper, CEMC member services manager.

During the summit, students participated in several leadership-development activities, attended informational presentations covering the federal and state level legislative processes, toured the State Capitol and saw state government in action at Senate and House committee meetings before posing for photos and meeting with their state representatives.

Members take the co-op message to legislators

More than 180 directors and employees from Tennessee's electric cooperatives were in Nashville April 1 and 2 for the 2013 Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association Legislative Conference. Attendees met with their legislators on Capitol Hill to help lawmakers better understand electric cooperatives and the issues that affect their operations.

Tennessee's electric cooperatives maintain an active presence in Nashville and Washington, D.C., to be certain that the interests of co-op members are protected. "Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit, member-owned and -regulated and accountable to their communities. These are important distinctions that legislators must understand," says David Callis, TECA general manager. "Because their decisions can have enormous effects on our members' electric bills, our job is to inform and educate lawmakers on the impacts of proposed legislation."

Most issues affecting co-ops this year revolved around local control. "We believe that our members are best served when local decisions are made by local board members elected to run the cooperative," says Mike Knotts, director of government affairs with TECA.

Jim Coode, Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation general manager; Kim Head, executive assistant; Chris Davis, engineering division manager; and Michael Batson, financial services manager, joined board members Joe



CEMC representatives visit with Sen. Mark Green (R-Clarksville). From left are Michael Batson, financial services manager; Jim Coode, general manager; Steve Douglass, board member; Green; and board members Shela Williams and David Morgan.

Whittaker, president; Wesley Aymett, vice-president; Shela Williams, secretary-treasurer; K. Jean Beauchamp, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Steve Douglass, David Morgan and Tommy Whittaker in representing CEMC at this year's Legislative Conference. "The decisions made in Nashville affect our co-op and our co-op members," said Coode. "We have an obligation to our members to see that their voice is heard."