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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.

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Co-op Concerns

News from your community

Stay back, stay safe

Working with electricity can be a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. In fact, USA Today lists line repairers and installers among the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. That's why for Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation, safety is the No. 1 priority. This is not empty talk. Over time, we have created a culture of putting our crews' safety and that of the community above all else.

Our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, our members. Yes, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to you, but, equally important, we want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones. This requires ongoing focus, dedication, vigilance — and your help!

Distractions can be deadly

While we appreciate your kindness and interest in the work of our crews, we ask that you stay back and let them focus on their task at hand. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it takes their full attention and that of their colleagues, who are also responsible for the team's safety. Distractions can have deadly consequences. If lineworkers are on or near your property during a power outage or to perform vegetation management or routine maintenance, please allow them ample room to work. These small accommodations help protect our crews — and you.



By Chris A. Davis
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If you have a dog, try to keep it indoors while lineworkers are on or near your property. While most dogs are friendly, some are defensive of their territory and can't distinguish between a burglar and a utility worker. Our crews work best without a pet "supervising" the job.

We recognize that for your family's safety, you want to make sure only authorized workers are on or near your property. You will recognize CEMC employees by their attire and the service trucks with our name and logo on them. You might also recognize our lineworkers because they live right here in our local community.

Slow down, and move over

In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approaching a utility vehicle on the side of the road. This is an extra barrier of safety to help those who help all of us.

Electric co-op leaders discuss Tennessee issues with D.C. lawmakers

Leaders from Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation traveled to Washington, D.C., on Monday and Tuesday, April 29 and 30, to meet with members of the Tennessee congressional delegation. CEMC board members Tommy Whittaker, Wes Aymett and Shela Williams joined General Manager Chris Davis and Administrative Division Manager Annebelle Chester in meeting with Sens. Lamar Alexander and Marsha Blackburn during the event.

Lawmakers were encouraged to support broadband and other investments in rural infrastructure as well as other legislation that would reduce costs for electric co-ops and co-op consumers.

Lawmakers were also invited to visit their local co-ops to meet employees, attend annual meetings or tour co-op facilities.

The visits were made during the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's annual legislative conference, for which more than 50 electric co-op leaders from Tennessee traveled to Washington, D.C.

"We have an important story to tell," said Davis. "Visits like these provide us with valuable



Sens. Lamar Alexander and Marsha Blackburn address co-op leaders during the NRECA legislative conference in Washington, D.C.

opportunities to educate lawmakers about co-ops and our communities."

"Lawmakers make decisions every day that can impact the important work that we do," said David Callis, executive vice president and general manager of the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association. "We have a responsibility to our consumers to be sure law- and policy-makers fully understand how their decisions impact the people back home."

Director candidates must meet July 23 deadline

Members of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation who are interested in serving on the board of directors can obtain petitions 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 23, which is 60 days prior to the 2019 annual meeting. This year's meeting will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, at White House Heritage High School in Robertson County.

An election will be held for the following director positions: Cheatham, South Robertson and South Montgomery.

Anyone with a valid membership in good standing as of July 23 can vote in director elections. Those applying for membership after July 23 will not be eligible to vote in this year's election but are welcome to attend the meeting and register for prizes.

(CEMC Bylaws Article 3 — Section 3.05)

We appreciate our members!

Member Appreciation Day was held May 16 at each of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation's seven district business offices. This annual picnic series has become a favorite springtime event for CEMC employees and members alike.

Nearly 700 CEMC members joined us for a free lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies and sodas. In addition to lunch, each member also received a light-emitting diode (LED) bulb as a token of appreciation for their business.

A drawing was also held at each location, and each of the following members won an electric grill:

Ashland City — Cindy Bowker

Clarksville — Don McIntosh

Dover — Karen Moore

Gallatin — Marina Rubendall

Portland — Ron Harper

Springfield — Clifford Chatman

White House — Jerry Moore

Be sure to watch future issues of *The Tennessee Magazine* as well as CEMC's website and social media pages for information regarding next year's event. We hope to see you there!



It's a beautiful day for a picnic in Portland!



Springfield members enjoy food and fellowship at CEMC's Member Appreciation Day.



The Ashland City office boasts the largest crowd with 145 registered members in attendance this year!

2020 Calendar art contest winners announced

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation's 2020 Calendar Art Contest wrapped up this spring, and, as always, CEMC received hundreds of entries from its talented local student artists.

Selecting the winners is never an easy task, and this year was no exception! Congratulations to each of the following students whose artwork was selected: Autumn Allen, Karley Sugg, Landri Faulk, Tabitha Arndell, Adriana Bernier, Rainey Janson, Jennifer Sanchez, Mila Guillen, Grant Jenkins, Khloe Blount, Landon Blanton, Riven Crum, Callie Bishop, Tabitha Haley, Alexis Martin, Jami Roberts and Emma Muiznieks.

Receiving honorable mention were Addie Shelton, Melinda Earhart, Elijah Bridgewater, Naomi McDaniel, Rebecca Forster, Daisy Saavedra, Sydney Holley and Antonio Jardinex.

Contest winners will receive cash prizes and have their artwork published in one of five different 2020 calendars offered this year. Calendars are free and will be available at all CEMC offices in November.

If you would like to see your student's artwork featured in the 2021 CEMC calendar, be sure to check out the January 2020 issue of *The Tennessee Magazine* for entry details.

Here's a sneak peek of a few of this year's winners:



Overall Winner — Jami Roberts
11th grade, Cheatham County Central High School



Alexis Martin
12th grade, Cheatham County Central High School



Emma Muiznieks
12th grade, Clarksville Christian School

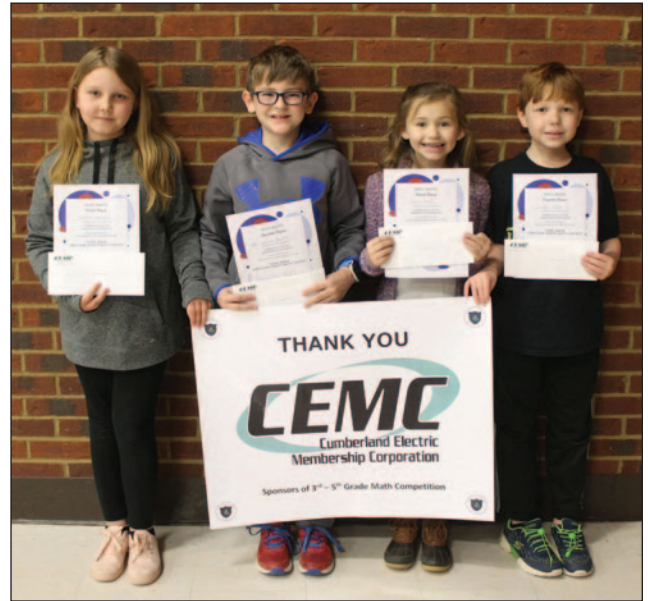


Tabitha Haley
12th grade, White House High School

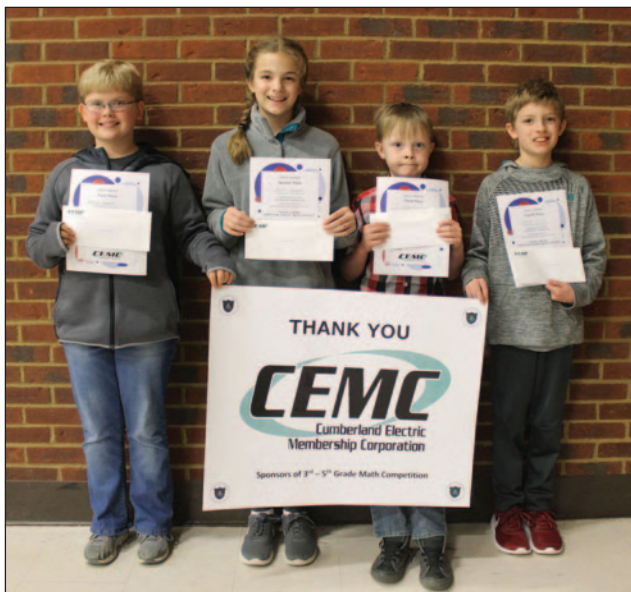
CEMC salutes young masters of mathematics

The Cheatham County School District held its annual math contest for students in grades 3-5 on March 22 at Cheatham Middle School. Participating schools were Ashland City Elementary, East Cheatham Elementary, Kingston Springs Elementary, Pegram Elementary, Pleasant View Elementary, West Cheatham Elementary, Cheatham Middle, Harpeth Middle and Sycamore Middle. Each elementary school sent its top six math students (three from third grade and three from fourth grade), and each middle school sent its top six math students from fifth grade to the competition.

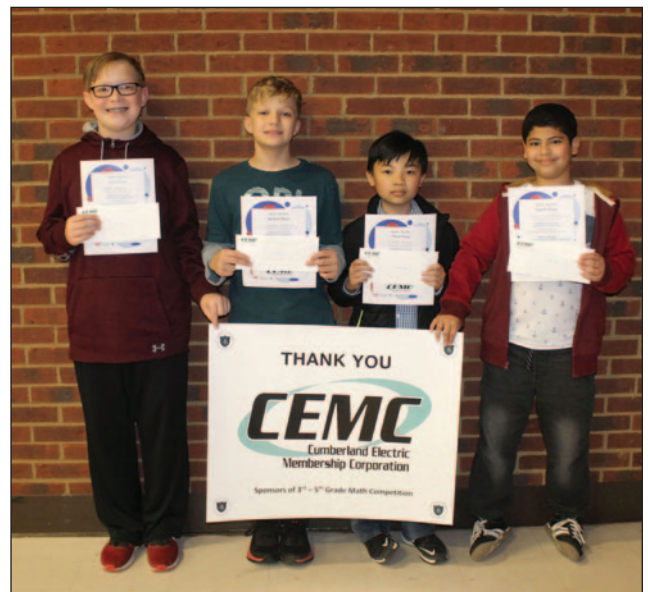
Winners from each grade level were awarded cash prizes courtesy of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation. Congratulations to all participants and winners!



Winners from the third grade are, from left, Savanna Lawrence, East Cheatham Elementary, first place; Spencer Barton, Kingston Springs Elementary, second; Sophie Head, Pleasant View Elementary, third; and Justin Rich, West Cheatham Elementary, fourth.



Fourth-grade math contest winners are, from left, Hannah Edwards, Pleasant View Elementary, first place; Aniston Allgood, Kingston Springs Elementary, second; Joseph Sherbert, Ashland City Elementary, third; and Killian Gholson, Kingston Springs Elementary, fourth.



Math contest winners from the fifth grade are, from left, Cade Krantz, Cheatham Middle, first place; Jonathan Kendrick, Harpeth Middle, second; Michael Nguyen, Harpeth Middle, third; and Aymin Tawadrous, Cheatham Middle, fourth.

Tennessee-Kentucky
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Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20
7615 Highway 41N, Adams



Steam engines • Antique tractors •
Wheat-threshing • Sawmilling • Antique gas
and diesel engines • Tractor pulls • Arts and
crafts • Live music • Parade

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Gates open at 8 a.m. with FREE parking.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

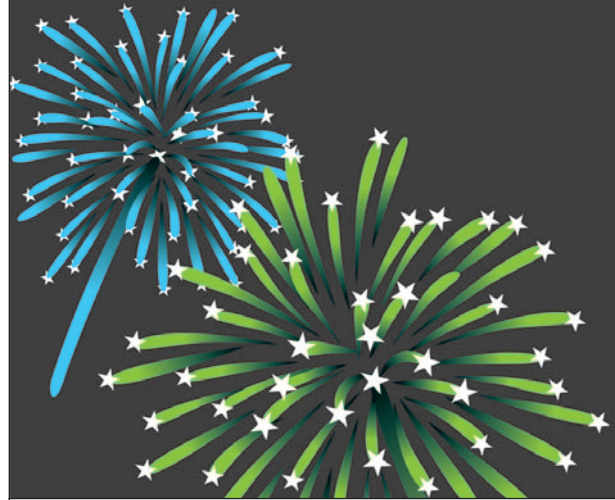
*When it's warm out, avoid using
the oven. Try cooking on the
stove, using the microwave or
grilling outside instead.*

Source: energy.gov



FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

Fireworks and the Fourth of July go hand-in-hand, and we want you to have a safe, fun-filled celebration! About two-thirds of all fireworks-related injuries occur between June 16 and July 16, so keep these safety tips in mind:



- ★ Make sure fireworks are legal in your community before using them.
- ★ Never buy professional-grade fireworks. They are not designed for safe consumer use.
- ★ Keep small children a safe distance from all fireworks including sparklers which can burn at temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees.
- ★ Never reignite or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby to thoroughly soak duds before throwing them away.
- ★ Keep pets indoors and away from fireworks to avoid contact injuries or noise reactions.

Plan for a safe and happy Fourth

For many, the month of July has always been a favorite. It's the middle of summer, the kids are out of school and, of course, we celebrate Independence Day! Typically on the Fourth, we celebrate our nation's independence with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, homemade ice cream and other sweet treats, and, last but not least, fireworks. This is a time for fellowship with family and friends, but at Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation, we also want to make sure our members focus on safety.

To ensure you have the best Fourth of July possible, we remind you about a few important safety tips from The American Red Cross.

Nothing says "Fourth of July" like a spectacular fireworks display! The safest way to enjoy this part of the celebration is to head to a local fireworks show. But, if you want to put on your own show at home, be sure to follow these safety tips:

- Always follow the instructions on fireworks' packaging, and never give fireworks to small children.
- Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
- Make sure to wear protective eyewear when lighting fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time, and never attempt to relight "a dud."
- Never throw or point fireworks toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.

- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.

Cookouts are a great way to bring folks together on the Fourth. Whether you are grilling in your backyard or at a community park, make sure your feast includes a generous portion of fun and a side helping of safety! We recommend these safety tips:

- Supervise your grill at all times.
- Use the proper tools for cooking on a grill.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when the coals have already been ignited.
- Always follow the manufacturers' instructions when using grills.

Fireworks and cookouts wouldn't be complete without a sunny day. Here's hoping we have good weather, and if we do, make sure you are practicing sun safety:

- Use a broad spectrum SPF sunscreen, and reapply often.
- Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Be on the lookout for signs of heat stroke (hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing).

However you choose to celebrate, CEMC wishes you a safe and happy Fourth of July!



Happy Independence Day!

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation
will be closed Thursday, July 4,
in observance of Independence Day.

As always, cooperative employees
will be on duty to answer
your emergency calls to
1-800-987-2362.