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Mission Statement

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation is committed to meeting the needs of our membership by delivering safe, affordable and reliable services the cooperative way.

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Between the Lines

News from your community

Building a brighter future and a 'Brighter Tennessee'

As someone whose profession has been built around the distribution of electricity, I guess you might say that I have a soft spot in my heart for Thomas Edison. Some people might assume that the invention of the electric lightbulb came fairly easily to such an indisputably brilliant man. Not so!

Edison and his team actually worked on at least 3,000 different theories to develop an efficient incandescent lamp. He tested no fewer than 6,000 different materials in his search for the most suitable filament. Through it all, however, he showed a remarkable ability to persevere in the face of adversity.

When asked about his dogged determination to achieve his goal, he had this to say: "The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

Co-ops like Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation are, by our very nature, resilient. We came about because for-profit utilities weren't interested in bringing electricity all the way out to rural areas; it just wouldn't pay to try to serve sparsely populated locations. But people in the country needed power just as much — if not more — than those who lived in cities. When folks banded together to form CEMC back in 1938, they were refusing to take "no" for an answer. When others might have accepted defeat, they said, in essence, "We'll do it ourselves." By not giving up, they developed resilience — and that's a trait that continues to serve us well even today.

In the eight decades we've been in existence, we've persevered through many obstacles and hardships. We've

seen damages to our electric system from devastating storms. We've experienced financial challenges during economic downturns and periods of slow growth. But when times were tough, we never failed to push through on behalf of our members.

With a global pandemic that cost lives and livelihoods, we were tested last year as never before. As difficult as it was to navigate this unprecedented time of trial, we refused to give up or give in. We did what it took to keep the lights on.

It's a commitment we share with co-ops across the state. Together, we are building a "Brighter Tennessee" by investing in a stronger, better prepared and more resilient future for the communities we serve. We take great pride in the infrastructure we build and the connections we make. The contributions of electric co-ops like CEMC are transforming the future of our state's rural and suburban communities through energy infrastructure, broadband, economic development, education and more.

Just as Thomas Edison was determined to make a brighter, longer-lasting lightbulb, you can count on the fact that CEMC will join with our sister co-ops throughout the state to keep building a brighter, more resilient Tennessee.



By Chris A. Davis
General Manager,
Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation

CEMC awards 20 Senior Scholarships

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation is pleased to announce the winners of its 2021 Senior Scholarship Program. Recognizing that it has been a challenging year for our seniors who have missed out on so many activities and opportunities, CEMC has awarded eight additional scholarships this year, bringing the total from 12 to 20. Each of these students has been awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship that can be used toward freshman year expenses such as tuition, textbooks and lab fees.

Alexandria Anderson of Indian Mound. Alexandria is a graduate of Stewart County High School and will attend Western Kentucky University.

Calista Bellar of Pleasant View. Calista is a graduate of Sycamore High School and will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Emily Carlan of Clarksville. Emily is a graduate of Montgomery Central High School and will attend Western Kentucky University.

Kaley Ezell of Springfield. Kaley is a graduate of East Robertson High School and will attend Martin Methodist College.

KyAsia Gardner of Springfield. KyAsia is a graduate of Springfield High School and will attend Middle Tennessee State University.

Allie Gilmer of Clarksville. Allie is a graduate of Clarksville High School and will attend Rhodes College.

William Goins of Clarksville. William is a graduate of Clarksville High School and will attend Austin Peay State University.

Kayla Hackett of Ashland City. Kayla is a graduate of Cheatham County Central High School and will attend Western Kentucky University.

Ethan Hollans of Gallatin. Ethan is a graduate of Station Camp High School and will attend Belmont University.

Ramy Ismail of Pleasant View. Ramy is a graduate of Cheatham County Central High School and will attend Lipscomb University.

Carol Knight of Cunningham. Carol is a graduate of Montgomery Central High School and will attend Austin Peay State University.

Charlsie Mallory of Dover. Charlsie is a graduate of Stewart County High School and will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Gabriel Matherley of Greenbrier. Gabriel is a graduate of Greenbrier High School and will attend Freed-Hardeman University.

Drew Miller of Gallatin. Drew is a graduate of Merrol Hyde Magnet School and will attend Vanderbilt University.

Rylie Morris of Portland. Rylie is a graduate of Portland High School and will attend Austin Peay State University.

Kaylee Murray of Dover. Kaylee is a graduate of Stewart County High School and will attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Tiffany Padilla-Gutierrez of Hendersonville. Tiffany is a graduate of Springfield High School and will attend either Austin Peay State University or Volunteer State Community College.

Abigail Roach of Pleasant View. Abigail is a graduate of Sycamore High School and will attend the University of Memphis.

Shane Tanner of Dover. Shane is a graduate of Stewart County High School and will attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Bradley Wheeler of Hendersonville. Bradley is a graduate of Beech High School and will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



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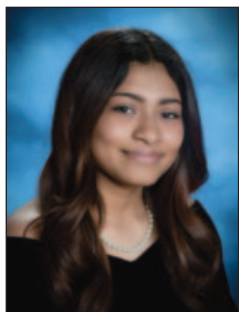
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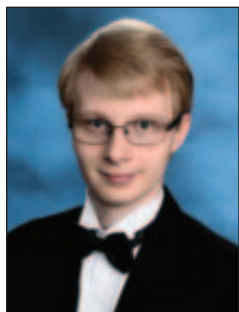
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Pulley earns Power Play Scholarship

Trinity Pulley of Cunningham has been awarded a \$4,000 scholarship through a program made possible by Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation and other local power companies across the Tennessee Valley Authority's seven-state service area.

Trinity, daughter of CEMC Human Resources Administrator Tonya Pulley and her husband, Ed, is among 35 recipients of this year's Power Play Scholarships provided by the Power Play Scholarship Association to recognize outstanding academic



*Trinity Pulley
Montgomery Central High School*

performance and a commitment to community service among high school seniors whose parents are employed by local power companies.

A graduate of Montgomery Central High School, Trinity will attend Austin Peay State University.

Since established in 1995, 673 Power Play scholarships have been awarded through contributions and fundraising efforts by the Power Play Association and its members. In 2021, 145 applications were received from across the Tennessee Valley.

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Suds and savings

10 ways to save energy in the laundry room

By Abby Berry

Your clothes washer and dryer account for a significant portion of energy consumption from major appliances, and let's face it: Laundry is no one's favorite chore. Make the most of your laundry energy use! There are several easy ways you can save energy (and money) in the laundry room. The Department of Energy recommends these tips for saving on suds:

1. Wash with cold water. Switching from warm water to cold can cut one load's energy use by more than half, and by using a cold-water detergent, you can still achieve that brilliant clean you'd normally get from washing in warm water.

2. Wash full loads when possible. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up if you can.

3. Use the high-speed or extended spin cycle in the washer. This setting will remove more moisture before drying, reducing your drying time and the extra wear on clothing.

4. Dry heavier cottons separately. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

5. Make use of the "cool down" cycle. If your dryer has this cycle option, you can save energy because the

clothes will finish drying with the remaining heat in the dryer.

6. Use lower heat settings to dry clothing. Regardless of drying time, you'll still use less energy.

7. Use dryer balls. Usually wool or rubber, dryer balls will help keep clothes separated for faster drying, and they can help reduce static, so you can eliminate dryer sheets.

8. Switch loads while the dryer is warm. This allows you to take advantage of the remaining heat from the previous cycle.

9. Clean the lint filter after each drying cycle. If you use dryer sheets, remember to scrub the filter once a month with a toothbrush to remove excess buildup.

10. Purchase Energy Star-rated washers and dryers. When it's time to purchase a new washer or dryer, look for the Energy Star label. New washers and dryers that receive the Energy Star rating use about 20 percent less energy than conventional models.

To learn about additional ways you can save energy at home, visit cemc.org or energy.gov/energysaver.

Abby Berry writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation's landscape.



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UNPLUG & RECONNECT

As much as we love technology at Cumberland Connect, summertime is the perfect time to unplug and get outdoors to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air! Here are some of our favorite local summer activities you can do with your family & friends:



Go camping in your backyard



Plan a day trip to explore another part of the state, like Land Between the Lakes:



Plan a picnic at a local park



Go on a nature hike



Watch a sunset



Take some scenic pictures



Roast some S'Mores



Bring a fishing rod and catch some fish!

I-SPY!



Can you spot all of these objects?



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SWIMMING POOL ELECTRICAL SAFETY CROSSWORD



Water and electricity never mix! When you're cooling off in the swimming pool, remember to practice electrical safety. Complete the pool safety crossword puzzle below.

Hint: Check your answers in the key below.

1 Down:

When possible, use _____ operated devices when outside near a swimming pool.

2 Across:

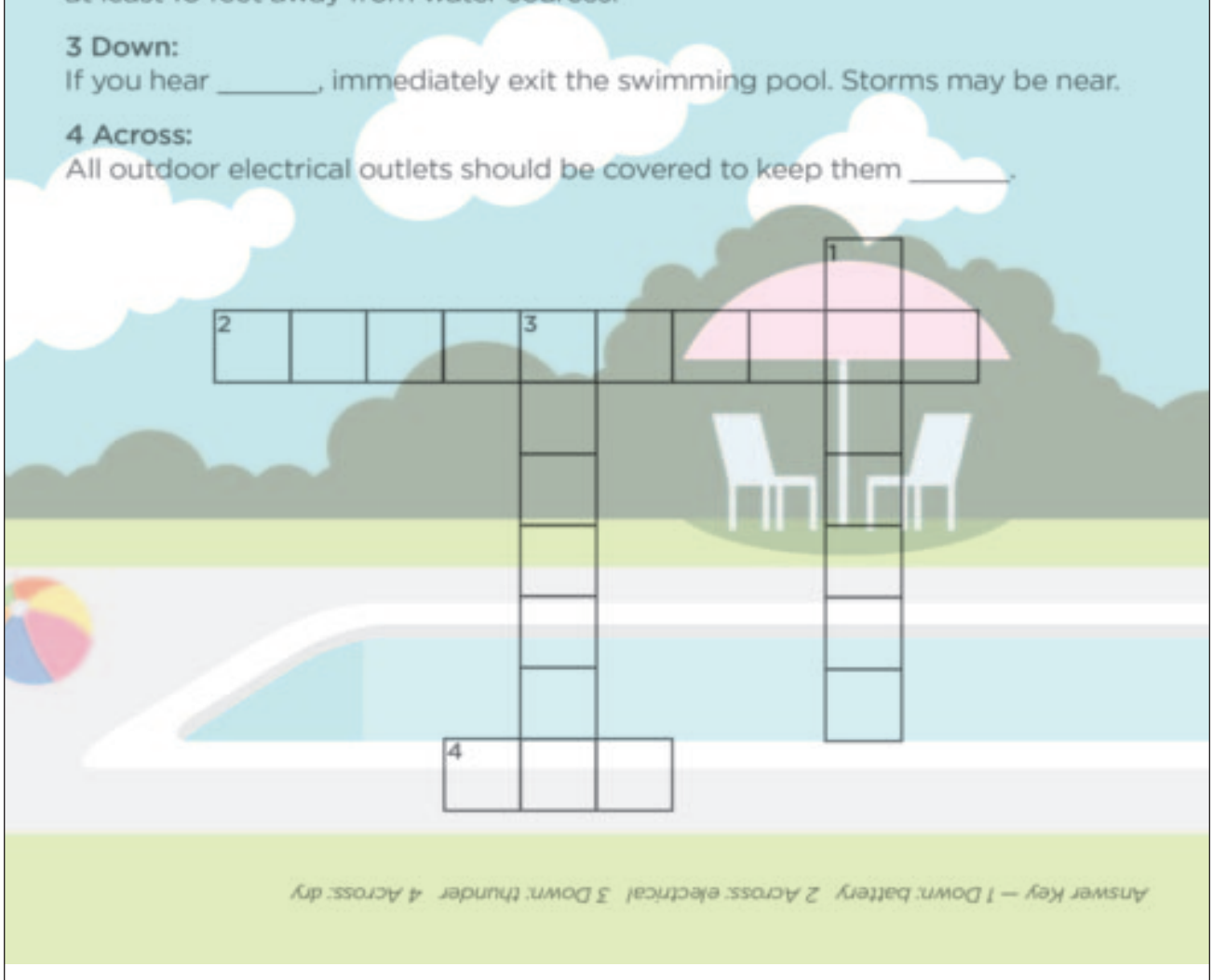
Never bring _____ devices near a swimming pool. If they come in contact with water, electric shock could occur. Devices should be kept at least 10 feet away from water sources.

3 Down:

If you hear _____, immediately exit the swimming pool. Storms may be near.

4 Across:

All outdoor electrical outlets should be covered to keep them _____.



Answer Key — 1 Down: battery 2 Across: battery 3 Down: electrical 4 Across: dry