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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*

# 81st annual meeting returns to Robertson County

On behalf of the management, staff and directors of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation, I would like to invite our members to attend our cooperative's 81st annual membership meeting. This year's meeting will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, at White House Heritage High School in Robertson County.

Doors will open at 8 a.m. for registration and breakfast, followed by the business session at 10 a.m. Prior to the business session, we invite you to browse through the selection of door prizes to be given away, pick up your annual meeting gift (one per registered member, while supplies last), visit informational booths, enjoy musical entertainment provided by the Backlot Pickers, view a high-voltage safety demonstration and visit the Youth Corner.

Three directors are seeking re-election this year, and you can learn more about

each of the candidates on page 20 of this magazine.

Because each director is

running unopposed, voting will take place by voice acclamation during the business session. We will also highlight the financial report and give a recap of the cooperative's activities during the last fiscal year.

Members who are unable to attend the meeting will still have an opportunity to win a \$100 electric bill credit by attending early registration at one of CEMC's business offices on Friday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about your electric cooperative, enjoy breakfast with neighbors and register to win some great prizes; join us for our annual meeting Sept. 21.



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



CEMC board of directors — From left are, seated, Shela K. Williams, secretary-treasurer; Tommy G. Whittaker, president; Wesley H. Aymett, vice president; and K. Jean Beauchamp, assistant secretary-treasurer. Standing: board members C. David Morgan, Michael A. Mason, Charles R. Hancock, Stephen E. Douglass, Edward L. Oliver and Joe H. Whitaker and CEMC General Manager Chris A. Davis.

# Meet the CEMC director candidates



*Aymett*



*Beauchamp*



*Morgan*

Three seats on Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation's board of directors will be filled during the cooperative's 2019 annual meeting Saturday, Sept. 21, at White House Heritage High School. CEMC members will elect directors to fill the Cheatham, South Robertson and South Montgomery positions.

CEMC's nominating committee met July 9 and recommended incumbent directors Wesley H. Aymett, Dr. K. Jean Beauchamp and C. David Morgan for re-election for new three-year terms. Each director is running unopposed.

**Wesley H. Aymett** of Ashland City is the nominee from Cheatham County. Aymett has represented Cheatham County on the CEMC board since October 2000 and currently serves as vice president. He is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds a Board Leadership certificate and a Director Gold certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Aymett is agency manager for the Cheatham County Farm Bureau. He holds a bachelor's degree in animal science and an associate degree in meteorological technology from Western Kentucky University. He has also served on the board of Robertson Cheatham Farmers Co-op.

**K. Jean Beauchamp** of Coopertown is the nominee from South Robertson County. Beauchamp has represented

South Robertson County on the CEMC board since June 2012 and currently serves as assistant secretary-treasurer. She is an NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds a Board Leadership certificate.

Beauchamp is a board-certified pediatric dentist who owns Robertson County Pediatric Dentistry and Clarksville Pediatric Dentistry. She received her degree from the University of Tennessee in Memphis. She serves as president-elect of the Tennessee Dental Association and is involved in several community and dental organizations. She is active in her church, including a yearly mission trip to Haiti.

**C. David Morgan** of Cunningham is the nominee from South Montgomery County. Morgan has represented South Montgomery County on the CEMC board since April 2004. He holds Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership and Director Gold certificates from NRECA.

Morgan is president of Morgan Contractors Inc., a Clarksville contracting firm. He attended Austin Peay State University and is a member of the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Civitan Club and Salem United Methodist Church. Morgan looks forward to his involvement in providing broadband internet access to the membership.



*2019 Nominating Committee — From left are Robert Lyle, Montgomery County; Mike Luton, Stewart County; Dale Binkley, Montgomery County; Connie Rosson, Montgomery County; Michelle Shearon, Cheatham County; Janice King, Cheatham County; and Sandra Saunders, Montgomery County.*

# Here's a look at some of this year's annual meeting prizes



The Gatlinburg Getaway includes hotel accommodations, tickets to Dollywood and a Peddler gift card.



The Pick Tennessee Products Package includes a quilt made by Bona Perry, a Hinkle rocker and Lodge cast-iron skillets.

**The Energy Savings Package includes a smart thermostat, LED bulbs, smart plugs, an energy savings kit and free eScore home energy audit.**



The Home Entertainment Package includes a flat-screen television and a Roku media player.

## GRAND PRIZE



The grand prize is a "create-your-own" energy-efficiency makeover from Lowe's. The winner will receive a Lowe's gift card.



Six college scholarships worth \$500 each will be given away!

**iRobot - Roomba  
Robot  
Vacuum  
Giveaway**

**Multiple bill  
credits valued  
between \$50  
and \$250 will be  
given away!**

**The Youth Corner  
will feature  
age-appropriate  
kids' prizes,  
including bikes and  
various gift cards.**

# 2019 4-H Electric Camp 'Power and Opportunity'

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation sent a group of rising seventh- and eighth-grade students to 4-H Electric Camp June 25-28 on the University of Tennessee Knoxville campus. CEMC campers joined hundreds of other students from across the state in exploring the world of energy, electricity, energy conservation, electrical safety and other basic sciences in fun-filled, "hands-on" learning centers. This year's learning activities included:

**Electric Lamp** — Electric lamps give us light. In this learning center, campers used a lamp kit and some electric insulators to make an electric lamp to light their rooms.

**Solar Energy** — Renewable energy resources reduce the use of fossil fuels and negative impacts on our environment. In this activity, campers learned about how to use the sun to power things they use every day.

**Wind Energy Generation** — Wind energy will play an important role in the supply of energy in the



future. This learning center taught campers how we can harness the energy in wind to generate electricity.

**Home Energy Conservation** — We use electricity to light our home, cook our food, play music and operate televisions. But as we use more electricity, our electric bills rise. In this activity, campers learned how conserving electricity in their homes not only helps to lower their electric bills but also helps to protect our environment and conserve resources.

**Electrical Vehicles** — Campers learned about batteries as well as direct current and how it is used to propel electric vehicles. They also demonstrated their driving skills by maneuvering an electric golf cart through an obstacle course.

**Electrical Safety** — Though electric power does a tremendous amount of work for us, we must be careful around it because it is such a powerful force. This learning center taught campers how to play it safe around high-voltage power lines.

The 4-H electric camp is a joint venture of the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association and its member cooperatives, including CEMC; University of Tennessee Extension; Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association and its municipal power systems; and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

*At left, 4-H Electric Camp attendees assemble lamps in the Electric Lamp learning center. Above, campers in the Home Energy Conservation learning Center learn how easy energy-efficiency improvements like caulking can help conserve energy and lower electric bills.*



# Don't wait. Be prepared for the storm.

It's your worst-case scenario. A major storm was predicted, and this time, the predictions were right. Many power lines are down, and your electricity may be out for several days. You are low on everything — food, pet supplies, toilet paper, batteries, diapers and your medication.

Imagine how you would feel in this situation. While you can't predict which weather forecast will come true, you can plan ahead so that when a severe weather event strikes, you have the tools and resources to effectively weather the storm. The Department of Homeland Security offers several resources to help you prepare for major weather events and natural disasters. Visit [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan).

## Preparedness actions and items

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of nonperishable food such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies, including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your first-aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are together in an easily accessible location.

## With advance warning

If a severe storm with high winds and sustained rain is expected, you may need to take extra steps to safeguard your home. Shutter windows and securely close exterior doors. Fully charge all cell phones, laptops and devices so you have maximum power in the event of a power outage. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

## During a prolonged outage

In the event of an outage, turn off appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If utilizing a small household



generator, consider using LED holiday lights to illuminate a living area. A strand of 100 white lights draws little energy yet produces considerable light. Solar lights also work if they can receive some sunlight during the day for charging.

The American Red Cross recommends avoiding electrical equipment and land-based telephones during thunderstorms. Use battery-powered TVs and radios instead. Keep away from windows. Listen to local news or a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio for emergency information, or check CEMC's app or website for restoration updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines, and don't walk through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs — including on your property.

## Power in planning

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm's effects. Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and warnings, and install CEMC's SmartHub mobile app, which allows you to quickly and easily report power outages and view the updated outage map. Act today because there is power in planning.

*Anne Prince 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.*

# Dollywood Discounts

## Just for Being Our Customer

As a customer of a TVA-served local power company, you can get tickets to visit Dollywood August 12 through September 25, 2019, for just \$61 + tax per person.

Tickets can be upgraded to a season pass. To purchase your tickets go to [Dollywood.com/TVASpecialOffer](http://Dollywood.com/TVASpecialOffer)

This is a limited time only offer.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

*Cookware efficiency tip: Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.*

*Source: energy.gov*

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.

CEMC personnel will be available in the event of an emergency by calling  
1-800-987-2362.

CEMC wishes you a safe and happy Labor Day!



## CEMC offers DIY energy-efficiency workshops

### Learn how to save on energy costs at home

Join Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation for a FREE do-it-yourself energy-efficiency workshop and learn easy energy-efficiency improvements that anyone can do at home.

These two-hour workshops will cover how electricity is consumed and billed and include suggestions on low- to no-cost upgrades that can be completed by homeowners to lower energy costs. Hands-on training will teach how to properly caulk, replace weather stripping, install spray-foam sealant and more.

The first 25 households that register will receive FREE energy-saving tool kits to help you get started. All registered households will also be entered in a drawing for a FREE eScore Energy Audit of their homes!

### Rebates and financing for home upgrades!

Learn easy ways to reduce energy use for FREE!

Receive a FREE energy-saving kit!

*Register at [www.cemc.org](http://www.cemc.org) for the workshop in your area.*



Thursday, Sept. 26  
6-8 p.m.  
Robert Coleman  
Community Center  
303 Portland Blvd.  
Portland

Tuesday, Oct. 1  
6-8 p.m.  
Springfield CEMC  
1201 Fifth Ave. W.  
Springfield

Thursday, Oct. 3  
6-8 p.m.  
Dover CEMC  
404 Spring St.  
Dover