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Monthly newsletter from Central Electric Membership Corp.

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A fresh new look to better serve you

Making changes and adapting to the needs of members is what drives the cooperative difference. Since the co-op is owned by you, we actively listen to your feedback to determine the best way to serve our member-owners.

That's why on your upcoming April billing statement, you'll notice a new and improved look. The accurate and detailed information you're accustomed to seeing will continue to be shown, but in a much more clear and visually appealing format.

On the new billing statement, you'll notice a few things:

- ▶ An easy-to-understand format of the essentials, including bill amount and due date at the top of the statement
- ▶ More visuals, including a daily usage graph that shows your energy use over the course of the month
- ▶ Detailed information on the back, including month-by-

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Account Name SAMPLE JOHN Q
Service Address 123 SOME NICE PLACE
Location 16540110

Billing Date 02/22/18
Account Number 12345-001
Meter Number 125163901

Previous Bill

Your previous balance **\$213.00**
Your payment was received on 02/11/18 **-\$213.00**

Thank you for your payment!

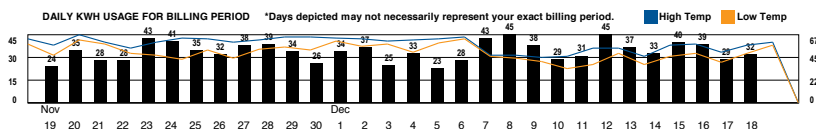
Current Bill

Your current charges for this billing period is **\$204.56**
Your current charges are due by **03/19/18**

For full detail breakdown of charges, see the reverse side. →

Total Amount Due

Your total amount due is **\$205.00**



month and previous year comparisons

- ▶ Plus, a larger and more clear font.

Looking over monthly billing statements can sometimes be a difficult task. However, the goal of the new bill design is to help make this process a breeze while

still getting you the information you need. As your trusted energy advisor, the co-op is continually looking for ways to innovate and provide you with the excellent service you've come to expect.

Should you have questions about how to read your new billing statement, please contact the cooperative at 919-774-4900.



- ▶ The Central Electric office will be closed Friday, March 30, for the Easter holiday. Crews will be on-call.
- ▶ Applications for Central Carolina or Sandhills Community College scholarships are due May 1. Visit CEMCPower.com for more details.

POINT OF VIEW

Directors are key to success

From the desk of CEO & General Manager Morris McClellion

As an electric cooperative, Central Electric is guided by an elected Board of Directors who represent the membership when making important decisions. Being a member of the co-op's Board is an important position in our community. A director's decisions impact issues such as rates, work plans and the overall direction of the cooperative. This position holds great responsibility and requires men and women who understand the needs of their community and aim to serve the best interest of the membership.

The beauty of the cooperative model is that any member in good standing can run for the Board and all directors are elected by the membership. They are a democratically elected body nominated by members within the cooperative's service territory and voted into position by members at the Annual Meeting of the Members each October.

They are members, just like you, elected by you, who live near you. They want the same thing you want, affordable energy bills and the comfort of knowing the lights will turn on with the flip of a switch.

The Board works hard throughout the year to invest in the electric system, to keep power affordable and reliable. They constantly interact with members and listen to your concerns and ideas, to learn how they can help achieve these goals.

It is vitally important for the cooperative to elect strong directors to the Board. Central Electric has been very fortunate to have such a strong pool of directors. Each director has brought fresh ideas and new perspectives that have

helped shape and guide the cooperative into what it is today.

With that being said, it is with a heavy heart that we at Central Electric are remembering one of our longtime, faithful and dedicated board members, Carl H. Outz, who passed away on



Carl Outz served on Central Electric's Board of Directors for over 11 years, representing members in Chatham and Randolph counties in District 2.



Jan. 30. A longtime resident of Pittsboro, Mr. Outz served on the Central Electric Board for over 11 years. He was first elected in August 2001, representing District 2 in Chatham and Randolph counties until his retirement in April 2013.

Along with serving on the co-op's Board, Mr. Outz also served with the Chatham County Agriculture Extension Service, retiring as Extension County Chairman, along with terms as a Chatham County Commissioner and the Chatham County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. He was also a recipient of the N.C. Poultry Federation Distinguished Service Award in 1982.

In addition to serving the cooperative and many other rural service organizations, he also served our country in the United States Navy for two years followed by six years in the reserves.

Mr. Outz was a great ambassador for the advancement of our country and rural communities. His steady guidance will be missed.

Until next time,

Morris McClellion

Save energy this summer by auditing your home's insulation

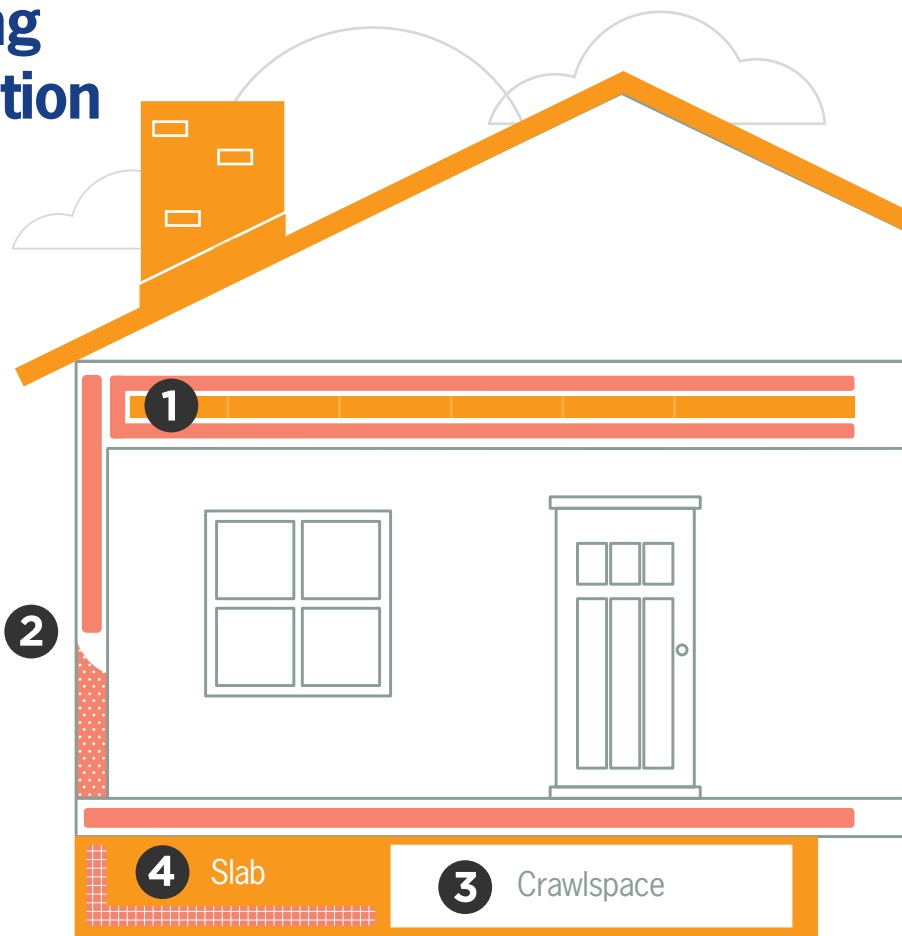
Properly insulating your home reduces heating and cooling costs, and improves comfort.

R-values measure a material's resistance to conductive heat flow. The higher the R-value rating, the greater the effectiveness of the insulation. Below are recommended R-values for areas of the home that should be insulated.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

TYPES OF INSULATION

- Batt
- Foam
- Blow-in



1 DUCTWORK
Insulated ductwork protects your investment in conditioned air year-round. Minimal R-values of 4.3 are recommended for blanket-style wraps secured with tape. Ductwork rated at R-6 is also available.

2 EXTERIOR WALLS
There are multiple options for insulating exterior walls. Rock wool or fiberglass batts of R-13 to R-20 value are preferred behind drywall, but each inch of blown-in foam insulation provides an R-value of 3.9.

3 BENEATH LIVING SPACE
Whether your home has a full basement, a crawl space or an attached garage, having an insulation value of R-19 under the living space floor will help increase comfort year-round.

4 SLAB FOUNDATION
Properly installed foam boards around the exterior edge of the slab of an existing home can help reduce heat loss.

Students rewarded for classroom efforts

Five outstanding students earned a Visa® gift card for receiving at least one “A” on their recent report cards. The reward is in connection with Central Electric’s “Give us an A” program.

Local students from kindergarten to college with a grade of at least one “A” are invited to send in a copy of their most recent report card. Four times each school year, Central Electric will draw from the entries and award a \$25 Visa gift card to four winners with at least one “A” and a \$50 Visa gift card to one winner with all “A’s.”

If you have at least one “A” on your next report card, send in a copy to Janet Jackson at Central Electric by Apr. 13 for a chance to be selected in the next drawing.



Marisa Gentry
Chatham Central



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Benhaven Elementary



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Do you have a Bright Idea?

Everyone knows April showers bring May flowers, but did you also know April brings new opportunities for local educators to fund classroom projects? Here at Central Electric, April marks the official kickoff of the Bright Ideas education grant program. The Bright Ideas grant program supports educators in need of funding to implement creative, hands-on learning projects.

Applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2018-19 school year are now being accepted. Educators in K-12 classrooms with creative ideas for learning projects are encouraged to apply for a grant up to \$2,000. This year, Central Electric will award \$15,000 in grants to support local teachers and students.

Grant applications will be accepted through Sept. 19. However, it pays to apply early. All teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of Aug. 15 will be entered into a drawing for one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

To apply, or for more information, visit NCBrightIdeas.com.

