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Monthly newsletter from Central Electric Membership Corp.

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Board election set by Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for the election of the Central Electric Board of Directors met June 4 to provide a slate of candidates for the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Members.

Nominated for consideration are the following members:

- ▶ **Tommy Dalrymple**,
District 1
- ▶ **W. Phillip Thompson**,
District 2
- ▶ **Dr. Nancy Holmes**,
District 3

According to the Cooperative bylaws, any one hundred (100) or more members of the cooperative, acting together over their signatures not less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting, may make additional nominations in like manner listing the nominees separately with respect to the Directorate Districts. The deadline for additional nominations is Aug. 7.



Cooperatives are democratic organizations and the Board represents members like you in the decision making process. Director elections are a vital part of the cooperative business model.

Once the full slate of nominees has been determined following the conclusion of the additional nomination period, the list will be posted at the Cooperative's office at 128 Wilson Road, Sanford, N.C.

The election will be held Friday, Oct. 5, at the Annual Meeting

of the Members at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center. The cooperative has a strong history of supporting the democratic process and we look forward to continuing this tradition through the election of our Board of Directors. Make sure you come out and participate in the business of your cooperative.

- ▶ The Central Electric office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day. Crews will be on-call.

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Investing in our future

From the desk of CEO & General Manager Morris McClellion

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As you may already know, cooperatives adhere to seven core principles that guide all of our decisions, from how we run the co-op, to how we engage with our local communities. One of these principles is concern for community, and here at Central Electric, we hold it with high regard.

The co-op has numerous programs that aim to invest and give back to our local communities. From Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants (REDLG) to facilitate local economic development, to providing scholarships and grants to local students and teachers, our commitment is unwavering.

Our members give back, too. Through Operation Round Up, over 16,000 members donate

extra change each month to help local non-profit organizations. This provides almost \$100,000 in grants each year to help those who need it most.

Part of supporting our local communities relies on investing in our students and teachers. Our schools are where the future is shaped; providing opportunities to enhance the ability of our teachers to engage students is one of the most important investments we can make.

That's why this summer the co-op is partnering with N.C.'s Electric Cooperatives and

the Kenan Fellows Program for Teacher Leadership at NC State University to host a Kenan Fellow.

Daria Fredrick, a local career technology teacher at Bragg Street Academy, will join us this month as a part of the

prestigious program. She will work alongside mentors at the co-op to learn how power is generated and delivered, and how we are continually innovating our services and systems to meet the changing needs of our members. Once she completes the program, she will be able to transfer her knowledge and experience to her students by creating lessons that will help them understand electricity and explore career opportunities available in the industry.

We are very excited to be hosting Daria this summer as a part of the program. During her time at the co-op, she will have the opportunity to experience everything from working on a line crew to seeing firsthand how power is generated at a nuclear facility. With this experience, combined with her passion for engaging students, we are confident there will be a significant impact on the lives of our local students.

Until next time,

Morris McClellion



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Start planning now for peak hurricane season

Hurricane season has officially started, and the coming months can be a dangerous time. While hurricanes can form year-round, the peak of hurricane season is mid-August through October and the peak date is typically around Sept. 10. Due to our proximity to the Atlantic coast, it is always a good idea to prepare ahead of time for hurricane season. Use the following tips to help you know what to do before, during and after a storm to keep you safe and minimize damage to your home.

Before a hurricane:

- ▶ Outline a communication and evacuation plan for your family before a hurricane warning is issued to minimize confusion and fear. If you have pets or any livestock, include them in your plan.
- ▶ Create an emergency kit that includes 72 hours' worth of food, water, medication, batteries and any other supplies you may need.
- ▶ Charge your mobile phone and other mobile devices ahead of time.

During a hurricane:

- ▶ Stay indoors and away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
- ▶ If flooding is imminent, turn off electricity at the main breaker.
- ▶ Do not go outside until officials have issued an all clear, even if the winds have subsided. You may be in the eye of the hurricane and about to face another round of high winds and heavy rain.

After a hurricane:

- ▶ Keep away from loose or dangling power lines. Report them immediately to Central Electric.
- ▶ If power was out for an extended period of time, throw out any food that may have spoiled in the refrigerator.
- ▶ Take pictures of any damage that has occurred to your home for insurance purposes.
- ▶ If running a generator, place it in a dry, well-ventilated area away from air intakes into the home. The generator should be properly grounded and connected to appliances with proper power cords.
- ▶ Report outages by calling 877-766-6769 or texting "OUT" to 800-446-7752. Outages can be tracked at CEMCPower.com.

Be prepared before a storm strikes

In the event of a power outage, be prepared by keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency supply kit.

■ Water

Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.



■ Tools

Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert.



■ First aid kit and prescriptions

First aid supplies, hand sanitizer and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.



Learn more at www.ready.gov

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Bright Ideas



Early-bird deadline approaching

Central Electric, along with North Carolina's other electric cooperatives, is now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2018-2019 school year. Educators in K-12 classrooms are encouraged to apply for a grant up to \$2,000. Grants are available for all subjects and teachers can apply individually or as a team.

This year, Central Electric will award Bright Ideas grants totaling approximately \$15,000 to local educators. To apply, educators must include a budget, explain the creative elements, implementation, goals and evaluation of the project, and have approval from the school principal.

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.



Energy advisor ready to help

Are you ever unsure of how your home is using electricity on a daily basis? To help, the cooperative has a trained staff of energy experts available to help you become more energy-efficient and understand just where your energy dollars are being spent.



In addition to our trained staff, the co-op's website also features a wide range of energy-efficiency tools at your disposal. Brochures, including the popular "101 Ways to Save Energy and Money" from Touchstone Energy, interactive home savings tours, videos and tax savings guides are available

under the "Energy Efficiency" tab at CEMCPower.com.

Our experts can help you determine the right steps for maximizing the efficiency of your home, including whether an in-home energy audit will help find more savings and reduce your energy costs each month.

If you would like to learn about how you can become more energy-efficient, contact the office at 1-800-446-7752 to schedule your free consultation.



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