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October is National Co-op Month, which means there is no better time to highlight the many ways your electric cooperative is unique. As a member of Central Electric, you are more than just a customer; you are a member.

The co-op business model is distinct due to its people first philosophy. Central Electric is locally governed, which means it belongs to its members and the communities it serves. This community focus allows the co-op to quickly adapt to the evolving needs of members.

There's no denying it, the energy industry is quickly changing. Some members are taking interest in renewable energy and electric vehicles, and ultimately, consumers want greater control over their energy use and payment methods. You are looking to the co-op to accommodate your changing needs and Central Electric is uniquely positioned to take control and meet your needs right where you are.

That's where your trusted energy partner comes in. The co-op is here to help you every step of the way. Since a lot of members have questions about how to save energy in their home, there are



a variety of materials under the "Energy Efficiency" tab at CEMCPower.com to help you along the way. Since members are now more mobile than ever, resources like our mobile app are available to keep you connected wherever you may be. And most importantly, co-op representatives are just a phone call or message away, readily available to answer any questions you may have.

Your co-op will continue working hard each day to keep your trust. Rest assured, looking out for your best interest and enriching the lives of those working and living in our communities will always remain the primary mission.



The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members of Central Electric Membership Corp.:

- ▶ Friday, Oct. 4, at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center in Sanford
- ▶ Food, registration and entertainment begin at 5:00 p.m.
- ▶ Business meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.
- ▶ Prizes and a cash drawing for \$500 at the meeting's conclusion!

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Honoring a great leader

From the desk of CEO & General Manager Eddie Oldham

Central Electric has been fortunate over the years to have a great group of outstanding employees, directors and member-consumers. The co-op has also been very fortunate to have great leadership at the helm, including Morris McClellion, who recently retired from the post of CEO and General Manager this past July.

During his tenure as general manager, the co-op built upon its strong community-centered foundation. Under his leadership, the co-op facilitated over \$1 million in economic development loans and grants, formed the Central Electric Member Care Trust which has granted over \$550,000 to local non-profit organizations, and was instrumental in the formation of the co-op's Sandhills Utility

Services to help provide better electric service to the men and women stationed at Ft. Bragg. These are just to name a few.

In recognition of his community-focused service and leadership, McClellion was recently honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from N.C. Governor Roy Cooper. The prestigious award is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service and have provided exceptional accomplishments to the state and their communities. The honor is one of the most prestigious awards presented by the N.C. Governor's office and the list of recipients is a very distinguished group of individuals.

If you know Morris, then you know he will never take credit for any of these accomplishments. He



has been and always will be a team-first player, putting others before himself. When he received the award from Rep. Robert Reives, he took zero credit and contributed it all to the great team of employees and the Board of Directors here at Central.

While I agree with him 100% that behind every great leader is a great team, and we have a great team here at Central, it would also be remiss to not acknowledge the accomplishments of this co-op under his guidance. The co-op has made great strides under his leadership, and most importantly, you, the member, were always the first priority in each and every project and decision. And that is what the cooperative difference is all about.

Thank you, Morris, for the many years of great leadership, guidance and service you provided to our members as well as each of our employees and directors. We all wish him the best in this next phase of life, retirement.

Until next time,

Eddie Oldham



Representative Robert Reives [right] presents Former Central Electric CEO and General Manager Morris McClellion [left] with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. The award is one of the most prestigious honors handed down by the Governor of North Carolina for extraordinary service to the state.

Supporting youth leadership opportunities

The cooperative recently sponsored Axel Comas, a sophomore at Overhills High School, to attend Cooperative Leadership Camp hosted by the N.C. Cooperative Council.

The week-long camp was held at White Lake, N.C., featuring energetic and interactive workshops, presentations, outdoor recreation and leadership building exercises. The camp is designed to provide a learning experience that concentrates on the cooperative way of doing business and building a better understanding and appreciation for the cooperative model.

Axel was chosen to attend the camp on behalf of the cooperative due to his strong work ethic in the classroom and extracurricular involvement in his school and community.

Central Electric sponsors a local high school student each year to attend Cooperative Leadership Camp. If you will be a sophomore, junior or senior during the 2020-21 school year, the application period for next year's camp will begin in March and run through May 2020.



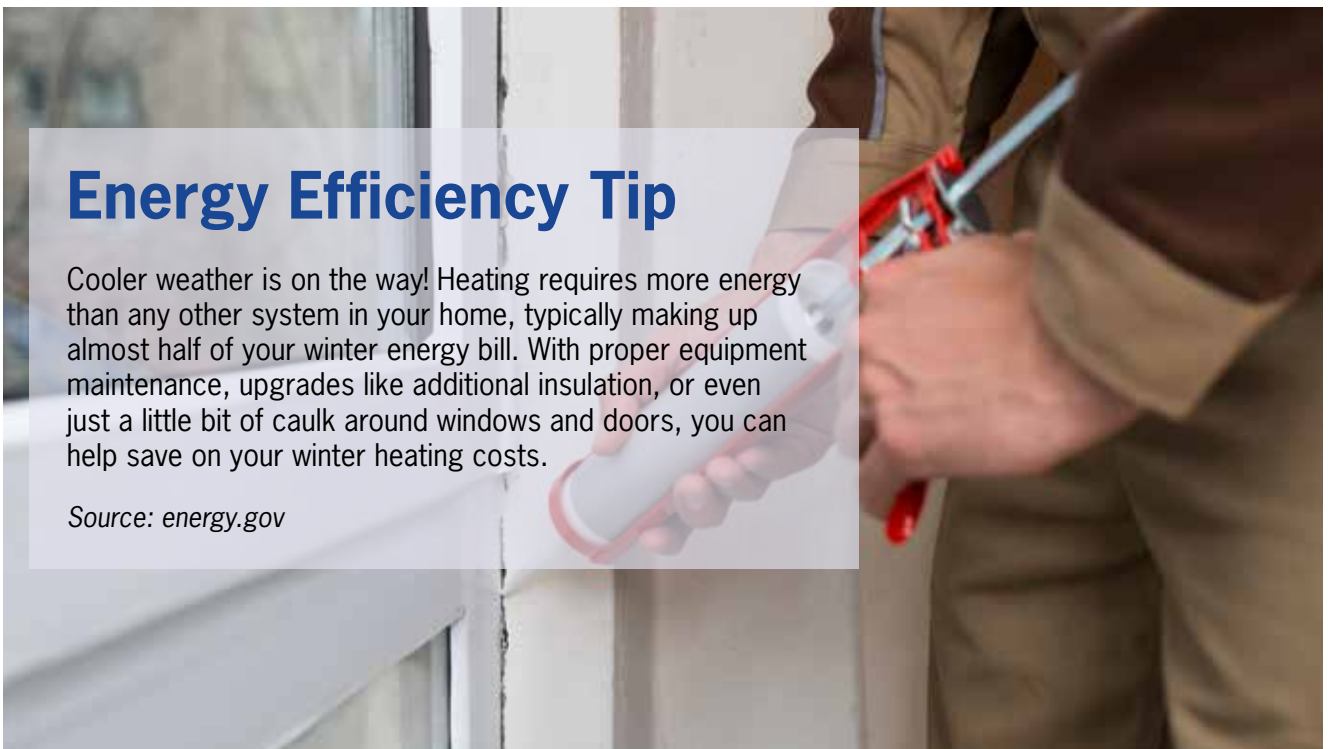
Axel Comas, a sophomore at Overhills High School, represented Central Electric at the 2019 Cooperative Leadership Camp held at White Lake, NC.

The camp will be held in June at the N.C. FFA Center at White Lake. For more information about this great program, visit the "Cooperative Leadership Camp" page at CEMCPower.com.

Energy Efficiency Tip

Cooler weather is on the way! Heating requires more energy than any other system in your home, typically making up almost half of your winter energy bill. With proper equipment maintenance, upgrades like additional insulation, or even just a little bit of caulk around windows and doors, you can help save on your winter heating costs.

Source: energy.gov



Cooperative awards college scholarships

Several local students attending either Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) or Sandhills Community College (SCC) have been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to help with education expenses.

Each year, Central Electric awards scholarships to CCCC or SCC students who are members of the cooperative or live in a home served by the cooperative. Scholarships are awarded based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, financial need and a written essay.

These scholarships represent a way for the cooperative to provide higher education opportunities for our local students and help invest in the future of our communities.



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Energy efficiency loan available

Did you know that as a member of Central Electric a Comfort Loan up to \$10,500 is available to help you make energy-efficient upgrades to your home?

That's right, with qualified credit you can finance heat pumps (15 SEER or higher), insulation and storm window upgrades to your home. You want to know the best part? Loan payments can be included with your monthly electric bill and stretched out over a period of 12 to 60 months.

For more information on the Comfort Loan, visit the "Energy-Efficiency Loans & Rebates" section at CEMCPower.com.