

# NEWS Central

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Monthly newsletter from Central Electric Membership Corp.

## Central sends youth to leadership camp

The cooperative recently sponsored Brett Mills, Madelyn Travis and Nicole Jozefowicz to attend Cooperative Leadership Camp hosted by the N.C. Cooperative Council.

The week-long camp was held at Camp Monroe in Laurel Hill, NC, 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. Brett, Madelyn and Nicole were chosen to attend the camp on behalf of the cooperative due to their strong work ethic in the classroom and extracurricular involvement in their schools and community.

Central Electric sponsors three local high school students each year to attend Cooperative Leadership Camp. If you will be a



Brett Mills, Madelyn Travis and Nicole Jozefowicz represented Central Electric at the 2022 Cooperative Leadership Camp held at Camp Monroe. The camp featured team building and leadership exercises, as well as curriculum focused on the cooperative business model.

sophomore, junior or senior during the 2023-24 school year, the application period for next year's camp will begin in March and run through May 2023. For more information about this great program, visit [CEMCPower.com](http://CEMCPower.com).



Scan this QR Code with your phone's camera to watch a video and learn more about leadership camp!

**SEPT. 5** the Central Electric office will be closed for Labor Day. Crews will be on-call.

**SEPT. 16** is the deadline for Bright Ideas applications. Central is awarding \$15,000 to local educators to help bring creative and innovative projects into their classroom. Apply at [NCBrightIdeas.com](http://NCBrightIdeas.com).





# POINT OF VIEW

## Co-op is community

*From the desk of CEO & General Manager Eddie Oldham*

“Community is important and that is what the co-op is all about. Your co-op has been here for you from the start, and we’re still here for you today, just as we will be tomorrow. Thank you for your participation in this year’s Annual Meeting and for being a part of this great co-op!”

In this monthly edition of “News Central,” you will notice a common theme – community. You’ll also notice in the Annual Report and Annual Meeting cover wrap materials included in your Carolina Country packet this month that the theme of this year’s Annual Meeting and 2021 Annual Report is “Your Community, Your Power, Your Service.” Community is essential to who we are here at Central Electric.

We serve our community not only by being an essential service provider to you, our members, but also being a resource and advocate for bettering and enriching the lives of individuals throughout our small, but quickly growing, pocket of North Carolina. Throughout the year, we engage with our community through many different co-op specific programs and events. While our core job is keeping the lights on, our passion lies in serving our members as well as the communities we live, work and play in. This service focus is at the heart of who we are.

Whether through economic development, volunteering or donations to local causes, we invest in this community because it’s our home too. We go to church with our members, we shop at the same grocery stores and our children attend the same schools. Little league baseball games, dance recitals, the YMCA, you name it, we are there, listening to and interacting with our members. That’s essential to what we call the “Cooperative Difference.” You can find each of us right here in our community.

I know I speak for all of our employees when I say that we are thankful to be a part of this community. We are fortunate to live in the same place where we work, which makes our ties to this community that much stronger.

Each of you are also an important part of our co-op as well as our community. We hope that you will read through the materials included with your newsletter this month and learn more about what the co-op is doing to better this great place that we call home.

We also hope that you will take part in our upcoming Annual Meeting of the Members. You can register your participation in the meeting by submitting either an online or mail-in voting ballot, and then be sure to join us at 10 a.m. on Oct. 7 for the meeting live stream.

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Until next time,

# Local students learn skills at basketball camp

Two local students recently participated in basketball camps at two of the state's largest college campuses, thanks to Central Electric's Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship program.

Ryan Oakley of Whispering Pines attended the Carolina Basketball School at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and Cameron Hawthorne of Carthage attended the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at NC State University in Raleigh.



Ryan Oakley



Cameron Hawthorne

Campers stayed in dorms, experienced life as a college student, and also developed fundamental skills that will help them excel on and off the court. At both camps, coaches and student-athletes worked directly with campers to improve their basketball skills and practice working as a team. Check back in January 2023 for more information on 2023 camps!



# 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 submit 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, visit the Education Programs section at [CEMCPower.com](http://CEMCPower.com) by Nov. 18 to enter the next random drawing.



Callie Fogleman  
Jordan Matthews



Caroline Oakley  
New Century



Levi Scott  
South Harnett



Jackson Lavengood  
Western Harnett



Jimmie Lynn Godfrey  
Southern Lee

# Making a positive difference in the community

Thanks to the Operation Round Up program, almost \$34,000 is being put back into the local communities to provide assistance for worthy projects.

**Another Choice for Black Children, Inc.** – \$3,000 to purchase beds, night stands, lamps, washer and dryer.

**Chatham County Literacy Council, Inc.** – \$3,000 to help meet budget goals for EOSL Program.

**FACES of Chatham County** – \$2,000 to pay for summer camps for Chatham County children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend.

**Five N Two Food Pantry** – \$3,000 to help purchase a newer truck.

**Helping Hands Clinic, Inc.** – \$3,000 to purchase glucose monitors and bilingual education material.

**Johnsonville Community Center** – \$3,000 to help with repairs to the facility and replacment of chairs.



Franceine Atiebrah, Executive Director of Helping Hands Clinic in Lee County, accepts a grant for \$3,000. The funds will help purchase glucose monitors and educational materials.

**Johnsonville Elementary School** – \$2,202.51 to supply materials needed for the Special Education classroom.

**Johnsonville Ruritan Club** – \$2,335.00 for maintenance to the memorial and to replace flag poles.

**The CARE Group, Inc.** – \$3,000 to help purchase books, snacks, advertisements and STEAM packets for children.

**Union Taylor Community Action Assoc. Center** – \$3,000 to pay

for water connections to the community center.

**YMCA Sandhills-Saleeby Family** – \$3,000 to help purchase supplies for summer camp.

**Western Harnett Lion's Club** – \$3,000 to send three to five visually impaired or blind campers to Camp Dogwood for one week.



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