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Monthly newsletter from Central Electric Membership Corp.

Your co-op is more than an energy provider

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 ways to connect with their utility. 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. 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 interests and enriching the lives of those working and living in our communities will always remain the primary mission.



OCT. 7 is the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Members, here are the highlights:

- ▶ **When:** Facebook Live on Friday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m.
- ▶ **Where to view:** [Facebook.com/cemcpower](https://www.facebook.com/cemcpower)
- ▶ **Register and vote** at directvote.net/cemc by Sept. 23. All those who submit a ballot will be entered to win one of ten \$250 gift cards!



POINT OF VIEW

Celebrating membership

From the desk of CEO & General Manager Eddie Oldham

“ We are continuously examining ways to operate more efficiently while continuing to provide the highest level of friendly, reliable service you expect and deserve. After all, we’re your local co-op. We were built by the members we serve.”

Fall is a busy time, and October is a particularly eventful month with school, community and sports activities back in full swing. It’s also when all cooperatives celebrate National Co-op Month. When I say Central Electric celebrates Co-op Month, it really means we are celebrating you! After all, our co-op wouldn’t exist without you, our members.

Our core business purpose is to serve as your electricity provider, but the larger mission of the co-op is to help make our corner of the world a better place. “Concern for community” is one of seven guiding principles that all co-ops share.

Similar to how our wires run through our service territory, our concern for community flows through all of our decisions—because being a co-op means being a responsible partner and good neighbor.

We work to help our community thrive through initiatives led by our employees and local board that’s comprised of neighbors who live right here in our community. Because we’re local, we understand our community’s unique needs and strive to help meet them.

We’re proud to support local youth through our Touchstone Energy Sports Camp, Youth Tour, Leadership Camp and community college scholarship programs. With your help, Operation Round Up provides assistance to local nonprofit organizations. Our Bright Ideas grants put funds directly back into our school systems and help teachers find innovative ways to reach students.

The word “cooperative” is also close to “cooperation,” meaning people working together towards a common goal—mutually benefitting one another and the larger community. That’s the essence of the cooperative spirit. Our employees and member-elected board members are invested in the community in which live and serve.

Above all, as a co-op we put our members’ priorities first. As your trusted energy partner, we know that saving energy and money is important to you. That’s why we have numerous programs in place to help, including several energy-efficiency rebates, loans, and savings tools to help you save money on your energy costs.

We also want to empower you to manage energy use at home. If you haven’t already, I encourage you take a moment and visit our online website portal at CEMCPower.com or download our app. Through the portal and app, you can conveniently monitor and manage your energy use. And we’re of course here to help, so give us a call if you have questions about your energy bills.

We are continuously examining ways to operate more efficiently while continuing to provide the highest level of friendly, reliable service you expect and deserve. After all, we’re your local co-op. We were built by the members we serve.

Until next time,

College scholarships supporting local students

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.



Joseph Tucker
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Let us keep the light on

As winter draws ever closer, the days continue to get shorter, and we have less time to spend outside.

Maybe you want to play an extra game of basketball. Perhaps you have guests coming over who need to see how to get to your door. Outdoor lighting can add security to your home and also extend the time you have to spend outside.

Central Electric offers several lighting options to meet your needs, including the standard LED model, floodlights, street lighting and the more decorative town and country fixture.



Scan this QR Code with your phone's camera to learn more or call us at 919-774-4900.

Investing in the future leaders of tomorrow

Ever wonder what it is like to walk the halls of the Capitol with members of Congress?

Local students, Vivian Villa Tapia and Emily Carson were recently sponsored by Central Electric to take the trip of a lifetime as part of the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Vivian, a student at Union Pines High School and Emily, also a student at Union Pines High School, joined over 1,800 youth from across the country June 18-24 in D.C.

While there, they were able to sightsee at some of D.C.'s most famous attractions and historic memorials, enjoy unique experiences around the nation's capital, as well as engage in discussions with U.S. senators and several members of the U.S. House of Representatives on Capitol Hill. In addition to meeting members of Congress, they learned more about American history and the electric cooperative business model.

Central Electric sponsors two local high school students each year for the Youth Tour. If you are a high school junior or senior, the application period for next year's Youth Tour begins this month and runs through January 2023.



(L-R) Vivian Villa Tapia and Emily Carson represented Central Electric during the 2022 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.



For more information on this great program, scan the QR Code or visit the "Youth Tour" page at CEMCPower.com.



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