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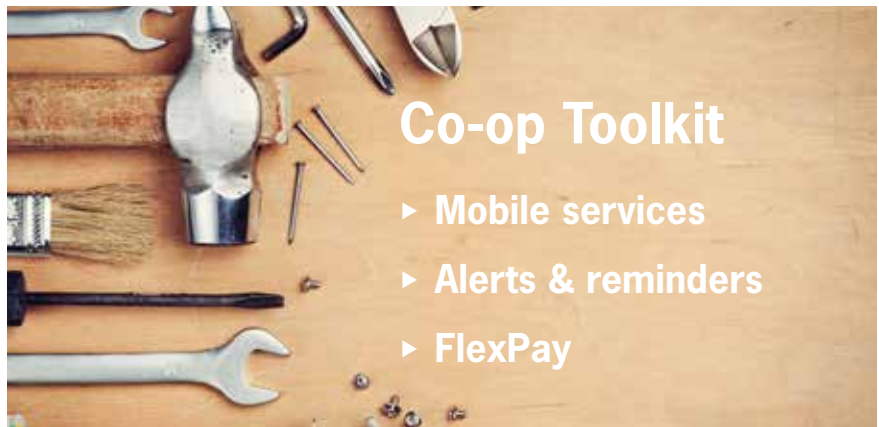
Monthly newsletter from Central Electric Membership Corp.

Stay connected by utilizing member services

At Central Electric, our focus is not only on providing you with safe, reliable and affordable power, but also providing you with services to help you easily manage your account and take control of your energy use. Here are a few services available for you to take advantage of:

Mobile app. On the go and want to check your energy use or make a payment? Since our members are more mobile than ever, the cooperative has a variety of mobile services available to meet you right where you are, wherever you are. If you have not done so already, download our free mobile app by searching "Central EMC" in either the App Store or Android Market.

Alerts and reminders. Once you download the mobile app or visit the account portal at CEMCPower.com, make sure you check out the selection of account alerts and reminders available to you. Ranging from a high usage alert to due date and payment reminders, these notifications are meant to help you stay in touch with your account and usage.



Co-op Toolkit

- ▶ Mobile services
- ▶ Alerts & reminders
- ▶ FlexPay

Much like the toolkit you have at home to help with home improvements, your cooperative also has a "toolkit" of services available to help you manage your account and take control of your energy use.

FlexPay. Are you looking for ways to manage your energy costs? We may have the answer for you. The co-op's FlexPay program gives you the power to manage your payments and closely monitor your energy use. To learn more about the FlexPay program or to see about transferring an existing account onto FlexPay, visit CEMCPower.com.



Scan the QR code to visit CEMCPower.com where you can find all of these great tools as well as many more!



JUNE 23 is the deadline to submit fourth-quarter report cards for the Give Us an "A" drawing. Four times each school year, Central Electric will 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." Enter at CEMCPower.com.

JULY 15 is the deadline for third-quarter Operation Round Up® grants. Recipients will be announced after the Trust board meeting in August.



POINT OF VIEW

Engaging with legislators

From the desk of CEO & General Manager Eddie Oldham

“Our message to representatives was simple: we all need to work together to protect safe, reliable and affordable electric service.”

Over the last few months, we at the co-op have been very involved with the legislative process, engaging with legislators on both the state and federal levels. Even though I say “over the last few weeks,” in reality this is an ongoing process as we continually engage with our representatives through meetings and one-on-one discussions throughout the year.

Building these close, working relationships with our representatives is key to our continued mission to provide safe, reliable and affordable power to you, our members. Laws and regulations passed on both the state and federal level can have a significant impact on the co-op’s cost of doing business as well as the cost of providing electricity to your home or business.

Our message to representatives was simple: we all need to work together to protect safe, reliable and affordable electric service. Engaging this message with legislators allows us to provide input and feedback into proposed legislation. This input allows us to help our legislators make informed decisions and craft laws that address your needs and concerns.

So what exactly are the messages we discussed with legislators during our most recent meetings?

On the state level, we centered our discussions around increased penalties for attacks on critical infrastructure, continued economic development across NC, protecting our state’s energy portfolio as well as funding to continue innovation in the electric utility industry. We also emphasized the continued need to expand access to rural broadband funding and support our local

telecommunications cooperatives in their mission to expand broadband into our communities.

On the federal level, our discussions focused primarily on how their decisions and legislation has a tremendous impact on the reliability of the service we are able to provide to our members. As our country continues to strive toward transitioning to net-zero carbon emissions, which we support, we must also be careful at the speed that we are required to get to that point. In order to achieve this result, a disconnect has been rapidly developing between generation resources that are being mandated to be taken offline and the availability, and quite frankly the reliability, of resources being required to be put back on the grid. As we continue to trend towards an economy ever more dependent on electricity, we MUST be conscious of the full-time capacity and running time of resources we use to power our economy. This includes solar and our renewable resources, however, and this is important, it also includes the ability to quickly and cost-effectively construct constant and reliable generation resources such as small modular nuclear and natural-gas.

Thank you to our U.S. Senate Reps. Thom Tillis and Ted Budd, U.S. House Rep. Richard Hudson, N.C. State Senators Jim Burgin and Tom McInnis, and N.C. State House Reps. Robert Reives, John Sauls and Joe Pike, as well as each of their staffs, for taking the time to hear our thoughts on issues important to our members. We appreciate their work to help protect the service we provide to you, our members and their constituents.

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer?

Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing. Source: energy.gov



For more information on how to save on your energy costs as well as services offered by the co-op, scan the QR code or visit the "Savings Tools" tab at CEMCPower.com.

GO PAPERLESS

You could win a **\$500** bill credit!

A final **\$500 bill credit** is up for grabs if you sign up for paperless billing by the end of June. Winners have already been selected for April and May, so get your entry in now!



Scan the QR code and enroll today for YOUR chance to WIN.

Wondering what the benefits are for paperless billing? You'll receive a bill notification by email each month. (Think of all the paper and mailing costs saved.)

You'll click to pay through our secure system. It's fast and easy, saving you time and the hassle of mailing a payment.

Nominating Committee to meet June 5

In accordance with Section 4.06 of the Cooperative's bylaws, the Central Electric Board of Directors has appointed a group of members to prepare a slate of nominees for election during the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Members on Oct. 6.

Those appointed to the Nominating Committee include:

- ▶ Ronnie Lambert, Siler City; William Stone, Cameron; Zelda Howington, Sanford; Michael V. Perry, Sanford; Carolyn Cameron, Sanford; Scott Norton, Bear Creek; C. Richard Williams, Siler City; John S. Blue, Carthage; Bradley Wadsworth, Carthage; Cathy Callahan, Sanford; Janet Brower, Cameron.

The committee will meet June 5 and during the meeting, they will consider three-year terms for the following incumbents: Rebecca Cogan, District 1; Henry Outz, District 2; Henry Randolph, District 3; Tim Priest, District 4.

Once the slate of nominees has been determined, the list will be posted at the cooperative's office at 128 Wilson Road, Sanford, N.C. The deadline for additional nominations is June 27. Any 100 or more members of the cooperative, acting together over their signatures not less than 100 days prior to the meeting, may make additional nominations in like manner listing the nominees separately with respect to the Directorate Districts.

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.



Ziona Stevens
Broadway Elem.



Clara Wachs
Bonlee School



Dulce Preciado
Jordan Matthews



Layla Scott
Western Harnett



Mason Blell
East Lee Middle



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