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MEMBER NEWSLETTER OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

"Improving the quality of your life in a quietly impressive way."
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75TH ANNUAL MEETING

June 27, 2012

Nelson County High School

AGENDA

7:00 PM

Registration & Refreshments

7:30 PM

Call to Order
Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome Address
President's Address
Treasurer's Report
Election of Directors
Comments/Questions
Adjournment
Prize pick-up in lobby

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In June 2012, Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC) members will see their bills jump by 20% on average.

For many members, the two biggest questions are how did this happen and what is CVEC doing to keep it from happening again.

Another question should be asked as well. Does this increase make CVEC members pay more than anyone else for electricity? The answer to that question is "No." With the increase in June, the monthly bills for CVEC members will be a little less than the average bills for electric customers in Virginia. Nationally, the average electric bills are even higher. CVEC members have had the good fortune of paying much lower electric bills for the past several years when other electric companies have had rate increases. After the rate increase, electricity will still be a good value for CVEC members. Compared to the cost of cell phones, satellite

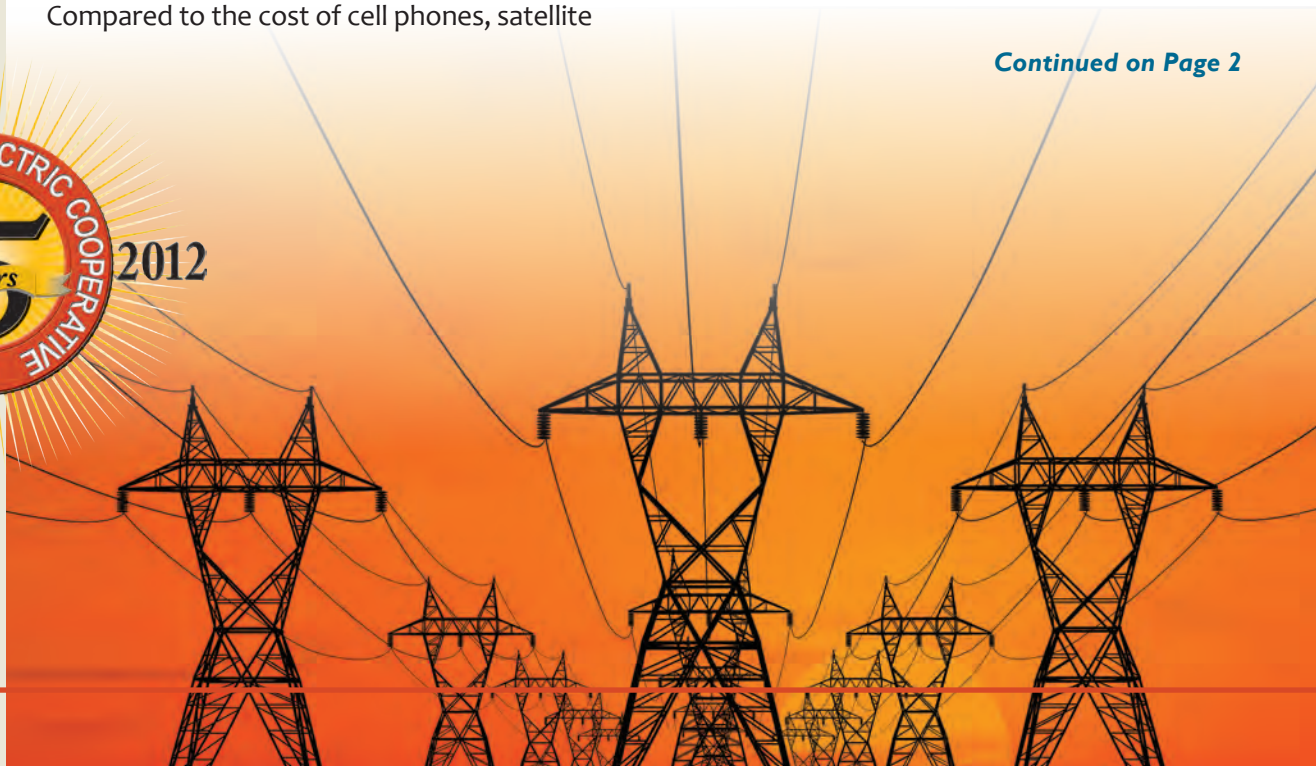
or cable television, or even gasoline for your car, most people will agree electricity is a very good value.

Why are electric bills going up in June?

Very simply, the increase in electric bills is due to the increase in the cost of the electricity that CVEC purchases for its members. The higher costs, which will be passed through on the PCA (Power Cost Adjustment) line of the bill, are entirely due to CVEC paying its power supplier a higher price for electricity. The June increase will include no increase for salaries, transportation, equipment, buildings, poles, interest on debt, margins, or any other of the many line items in the CVEC budget.

The year of 2011 was the end of an era for Central Virginia Electric Cooperative. It was the last full year when the Cooperative would buy all of its electricity from a single company under a long-term contract. It was also the last

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full year when CVEC members would enjoy the low rates of the contract signed in 2001.

The last wholesale power contract was signed three months after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The country was in mourning, the economy had slowed, and prices in the electric market were low. Numerous companies were willing to offer ten-year contracts, from the new wave of electric companies at the time like Enron and Williams Energy to the old-line companies such as Dominion Power and American Electric Power. Those days are gone. The companies in the electric markets today are different and no one will take on the risk of a long term contract for all of the CVEC needs.

Today the big players in the electric markets include Barclays, J. P. Morgan, and Morgan Stanley. Wholesale electric energy is generally traded as a commodity, not as a product from a specific plant or fuel as it was before. Where we once negotiated with old-line utilities to pay the actual cost of making the electricity plus a small profit, now all electricity traders set prices based on mathematical models of projected prices in the future, seeking to maximize their profits --- regardless of the actual cost of making the power or the fuel source used.

In this new era of wholesale electric markets, CVEC worked diligently to find the best deal for its members. For the past four years, the Cooperative has taken bids for contracts and reviewed opportunities to own small portions of electric generating plants. The management team and Board of Directors set a goal of having a contract signed at least one year prior to the present contract terminating, but we chose not to sign contracts in 2008, 2009, or 2010 when prices were as high as double the present contract rate. Over those years we negotiated with more than twenty companies while trying to find the best solution to serve CVEC electricity needs. Finally, in June 2011, CVEC signed a contract with Constellation Energy who had offered the lowest price for energy for the upcoming three-year period. The rate we will pay under that contract is the reason for the 20% increase.

What is CVEC doing to keep this from happening again?

CVEC has worked hard to limit the impact of this increase, and to put plans in place to avoid a similar single large rate increase in the future due to power supply costs.

Over the past several years, CVEC has decreased staffing from 115 full time positions to 97 positions. The fleet has been reduced and practices have changed to reduce mileage on the fleet that remains. Investments in new equipment and technology will allow the Cooperative to improve performance in reliability, increase efficiency across the organization, and to help control cost increases in the future. CVEC is committed to providing top-level service at the most competitive costs possible.

To avoid significant one-time increases in power supply charges, CVEC is endeavoring to diversify its sources of electricity. The Cooperative will move away from a situation of having all of its needs provided by a single contract. The diversification effort will lead to multiple contracts that differ in length, supplier, geographical origination, fuel source, and type of electric product (on-peak, off-peak, around-the-clock, seasonal, etc.) CVEC is also committed to investing in physical assets, or having contracts for specific generation plant outputs, that will allow the Cooperative to have control over the generation to serve a portion of its members' needs.


The future will mean more small changes in price, as costs move up and down in the marketplace, but CVEC members should be able to avoid the one-time huge jumps in price.



This year of 2012 marks the 75th anniversary for Central Virginia Electric Cooperative. When the electricity first started flowing into homes in rural Central Virginia, the new bill was a significant new expense for family budgets. However electricity significantly improved the standard of living for rural residents. The CVEC slogan of the day was "Electricity - Your Best Bargain." Today, the Cooperative still plays a vital role in sustaining the quality of

life in Central Virginia and in allowing rural living to be comfortable and enjoyable. The management and Board have worked very hard to continue the work of those first pioneers who created the Cooperative, and we are committed to ensuring that electricity from CVEC will continue to be ...

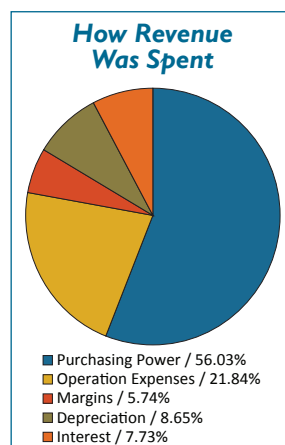
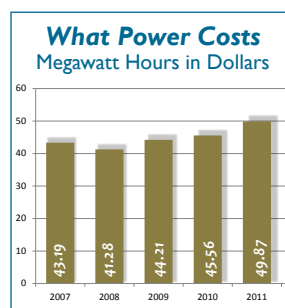
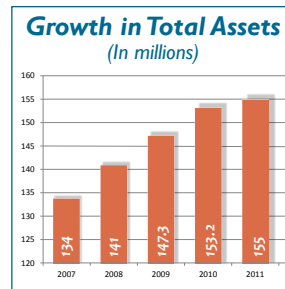
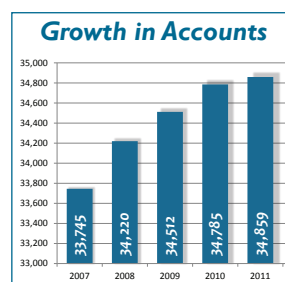
"Your Best Bargain."


Gary Wood, President / CEO

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2011 & 2010

| ASSETS (What we own) | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total Value of Our Plant: | \$188,617,068 | \$180,312,822 |
| Plant Depreciation Estimate: | \$55,697,899 | \$52,468,645 |
| Net Value of Our Utility Plant: | \$132,919,169 | \$127,844,177 |
| Cash in the Bank: | \$2,592,563 | \$2,170,626 |
| Value of Our Investments: | \$2,790,346 | \$2,988,186 |
| Notes & Accounts Due Us: | \$5,619,913 | \$5,976,577 |
| Value of Materials Stock & Supplies: | \$1,741,342 | \$1,866,345 |
| Value of Prepayments & Miscellaneous Assets: | \$9,345,965 | \$12,365,407 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$155,009,298 | \$153,211,318 |
| LIABILITIES (What we owe) | 2011 | 2010 |
| Owed to RUS & FFB: | \$76,523,066 | \$70,087,263 |
| Owed to CFC & Others: | \$16,406,274 | \$18,005,972 |
| Owed on Current Accounts: | \$14,754,808 | \$20,128,263 |
| Members' Equity in Co-op: | \$47,325,150 | \$44,990,020 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL | \$155,009,298 | \$153,211,318 |
| OUR INCOME | 2011 | 2010 |
| Electricity & Distribution Services Sold: | \$62,261,281 | \$60,700,447 |
| Received from Investments: | \$249,802 | \$200,309 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$62,511,083 | \$60,900,756 |
| OUR EXPENSES | 2011 | 2010 |
| Cost of Electricity Purchased & Generated: | \$35,028,015 | \$33,967,257 |
| Expense of Operating & Maintaining Our System: | \$13,653,893 | \$13,042,675 |
| Annual Depreciation of System: | \$5,408,894 | \$5,107,352 |
| Interest on Long Term Loans: | \$4,765,284 | \$4,774,890 |
| Other Interest Expenses: | \$67,190 | \$34,157 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$58,923,276 | \$56,926,331 |
| MARGINS AND PATRONS' CAPITAL | \$3,587,807 | \$3,974,425 |



| A DECADE'S GROWTH: | 2011 | 2001 | % Increase |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Number of Accounts Served: | 34,859 | 29,048 | 20% |
| Miles of Line in Service: | 4,568 | 3,985 | 14.62% |
| Average Number of Accounts per Miles of Line: | 8 | 7 | 4.80% |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$155,009,298 | \$86,044,657 | 80.15% |

Financial statements are audited annually by an independent certified public accounting firm. Our financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Cooperative at December 31, 2011, and the results of the year conform with generally accepted accounting principles. Copies of our financial statements are available upon request.

CVEC VALUE COMPARISON:

Since we are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of our Co-op, we thought it would be interesting to see how our value has endured over time. The bundled cost of electric service from CVEC has almost doubled over the last 75 years, while the value of money has increased twelve-fold.

Today the average residential member uses about 1300 kilowatt-hours of electricity costing a little under \$120 for our heating, cooling, appliances, and gadgets.

CVEC is your best energy value!

**Due to changes in our wholesale energy contract, the effective CVEC rate will increase on June 1, 2012, from 9.5¢ per kilowatt-hour to about 11.5¢ per kilowatt-hour, which is a little below the Virginia state average.*

The average residential member will pay about \$1 per day more for electric service.

| What did things cost in . . . | 1936 | 1974 | 2011 | % Increase |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 CVEC kWh | 5¢ | 2.5¢ | 9.2¢* | 2x |
| Value of Money | \$100.00 | \$574.00 | \$1,204.00 | 12x |
| Average Income | \$1,713.00 | \$12,900.00 | \$43,460.00 | 25x |
| Gallon of Gas | 10 ¢ | 40¢ | \$3.65 | 36x |
| Average Car | \$675.00 | \$4,400.00 | \$28,400.00 | 42x |
| Steak | 20¢/lb | \$1.39/lb | \$6.46/lb | 32x |
| Car Tire | \$3.69 | \$9.99 | \$75.00 | 20x |
| Dozen Eggs | 18¢ | 45¢ | \$1.73 | 10x |
| Bread Loaf | 8¢ | 16¢ | \$2.28 | 28x |
| Bacon | 38¢ | \$1.29 | \$4.53 | 12x |
| Toilet Tissue (2 rolls) | 9¢ | 26¢ | \$2.25 | 25x |
| Refrigerator | \$149.75 | \$288.00 | \$1,000.00 | 7x |
| Washer | \$54.95 | \$199.00 | \$800.00 | 15x |
| Automatic Iron | \$4.95 | \$6.95 | \$24.00 | 5x |
| House | \$3,925.00 | \$32,500.00 | \$246,000.00 | 63x |

Member Survey:

In 2011, CVEC began conducting a monthly survey of our members to ensure that we are working efficiently and providing a great value. Thank you if you have already shared your thoughts and thank you in advance if you participate in the future. In addition to checking our performance on business transactions, such as maintaining rights-of-way, establishing new services, responding to outages, and assisting you when you call, CVEC also participates in The American Consumer Satisfaction Survey (ACSI), Inc., which is used by all types of businesses to assess their performance.

Electric Cooperatives typically rank in the top tier of all companies and CVEC has scored well above average among electric cooperatives with a score of 84. (By way of comparison, Apple, Inc. typically scores around an 86.)

What are the top three expectations of CVEC members?

1. Reliable Service
2. Good Value
3. Knowledgeable Employees

How are we doing?



CAPITAL CREDITS: A Member's Benefits



As CVEC member-owners we pay our fair share of the costs to operate a rural electric distribution system and to purchase energy, about \$58.7 million in 2011. At the end of the year, if there is money remaining after we pay the bills, a percentage of the net operating margins are allocated to each member as patronage capital.

Patronage Allocations:

In 2011, CVEC had about \$3.6 million as net operating margins. All members will find a note on their March or April electric bill indicating the amount of patronage capital allocated to their account. Patronage capital is used to maintain and improve the distribution system and should be viewed as your equity in the physical plant. CVEC members have about a 30% equity level in the distribution system. The other 70% of the cost of the poles, wires, and transformers is funded by long-term loans.

Capital Credit Refunds:

The CVEC Board of Directors is planning to refund capital credits from one or two previous years that patronage capital was allocated to members. If the total amount of your capital credit refund is a nominal amount, then it will be applied as a credit on your June or July electric bill. Larger refunds will be mailed to the address that we have on file for that member. Details about the capital credit refund will be shared with members when they become available. 📍

Unclaimed Capital Credits:

In 2011, CVEC issued a partial refund of capital credits allocated to those who were members in 2010. Members due a refund greater than \$25 were mailed checks. A portion of the checks were not deposited or were returned to CVEC as undeliverable. Following is a list of members who have not claimed their refund.

Anyone listed should contact the Co-op in writing for verification. Please provide:

- When the service was disconnected
- The last address while a CVEC member
- Current address and phone number
- Signature

Service and energy are delivered to you at cost and capital credits are refunded to you, the CVEC member-owner. 📍

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| Alas Shugged | Dichiara, Tim | Parker, Chad Paul |
| Allen, Shireen R. | Duff, Victoria A. | Parker, Stacy |
| Anderson, Doris | Duncan Jr., M. L. | Payne, Linwood A. |
| Ashley, Charles W. | Edward White | Potts, Caharlotta |
| Ayers, Bernice S. | Garrison, Brandon | Quarles, Roberta |
| Bailey, Bernard H. | Gray, E. L. | Richards, Thomas C. |
| Barnett, Brittany | Grooms, Dorothy L. | Roberts, John D. |
| Barr, Linnie W. | Hatch, Warren W. | Rogers, Brent |
| Birch, Angeleen | Herndon, Willie K. | Scadden, Jayson |
| Blum, Charles L. | Hill, Myrtle C. | Shifflett, Monty |
| Booker III, Charles A. | Hucks, Kimberly | Southall Jr., E. B. |
| Bowles, Norman | Johnson Jr., Julian | Spessard Jr., R. H. |
| Boyd Tavern Market | Johnson Jr., Leroy | Stacy, Sharon C. |
| Boyle, John J. | Johnson, Burley | Swan, Carl |
| Buck Creek Nursery Inc. | Johnson, Jay D. | Swan, Carl E. |
| Burton, Wendy | Jones, Theresa | Taylor, Robert E. |
| Capell, John A. | Kern, Christopher A. | Troy Market & Deli |
| Cartrett, Will C. | Lang, Marvin Nash | Tucker, W. O. |
| Catlett, Alberta | Lay, Jacqueline | Tyson, Earl S. |
| Childs, Catherine | Levy, Joel H. | Urquhart, Earl |
| Clark, Sharon | Lewis, Karen | Vale, Thomas |
| Close, Debra L. | Loesch, Katherine | Vorce, Roy |
| Coffey, Jeffrey | Lushbaugh, Delores A. | Walker, Roger |
| Collins, Richard W. | Maxfield, Charles | Wasson, James W. |
| Comer, Michael D. | McDaniels, Edwards | White, B. R. |
| Con App Charlottesville | McKenzie Jr., | |
| Courage, Jay | Sheppard A. | |
| Crutchfield, Helen | McNeish, Robert | |
| Crutchfield, O. L. | Meeds, Heather | |
| Cunningham, Julie | Menje, Jaramie A. | |
| Dana, Robert | Miller, Randall W. | |
| Dangelo, Loren A. | Mills, Kelly R. | |
| Davis, James Nathan | Newitt, Glenn | |
| Derby, Katie G. | Palmer, Teresa Y. | |

KNOW YOUR DIRECTOR:

Introducing the three Directors of the CVEC Board who have been nominated for election in 2012:



H. T. Brown, Jr.

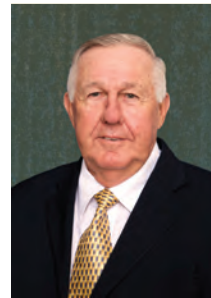
West District /
Representing the Counties of Augusta, Albemarle, Greene, Nelson

H. T. Brown, Jr., is retired from the University of Virginia where he served as a Computer Systems Engineer. He is also retired from the United States Naval Reserve with 28 years of service, including a final position as Command Senior Chief of the reserve component of Fleet Information Warfare Center in Norfolk, VA.

Mr. Brown earned an Associate of Science in Business Administration from Ferrum Junior College as well as an Associate of Applied Science in Data Processing from Central Virginia Community College, before being awarded a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the School of Engineering at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Brown is active in his community by serving in his church, with the Ruritans, and with Troop 32 of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Brown earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in 2009. 📍



Robert M. Duncan

South District /
Representing the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Campbell, Cumberland, and Prince Edward

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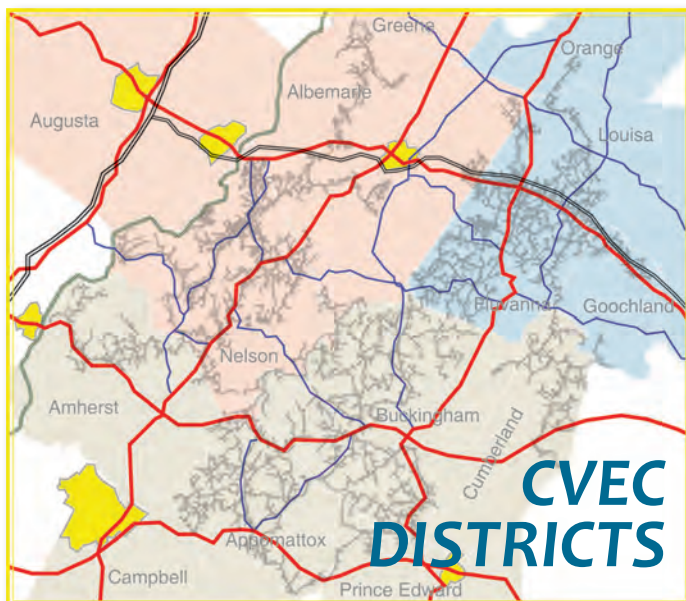
Robert Duncan is a life-long resident of Cumberland County. He operated his family's dairy farm, milking 250 cows until 1987 when the Dairy Farm Buy-Out Program came about.

Robert is the vice president of P. L. Duncan & Sons, Inc. Until recently he was a one-third partner in P. L. Duncan Trucking, Inc.

In addition to sitting on the CVEC Board of Directors since 2000, Mr. Duncan served on the Cumberland-Buckingham Farm Service Agency for 20 years. He officiated as President of the Cartersville Ruritan Club for three terms. He has been a member of the Powhatan Lions Club and is a life-long member of the Oakwood United Methodist Church near Columbia. Robert presided as President of the Cumberland Farm Bureau for two terms. Mr. Duncan served on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Powhatan during its organization and until its merger with the Bank of Essex.

Currently Mr. Duncan resides on the family beef cattle farm with his son Matthias.

Mr. Duncan earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in 2009. 📍





Gloria M. Vest

*East District /
Representing
the Counties of
Fluvanna, Goochland,
Louisa, and Orange*

Gloria Vest was elected as a Director for Central Virginia Electric Cooperative in June of 2001, after the retirement of Director Garland Baskfield. A lifelong resident of Fluvanna County, Mrs. Vest is the Deputy Treasurer for the Fluvanna County Treasurer's Office.

Mrs. Vest has served with the Fluvanna Volunteer Rescue Squad since 1973 and has been the Squad's Treasurer for the past 20 years. Gloria is very active in Evergreen Baptist Church. She is also a member of the Fire-Rescue Association and secretary for the Fluvanna County Sunday School Union. Mrs. Vest and her husband, George, have two daughters.

Mrs. Vest earned her Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in 2009. ⚡



Two Area Seniors Win Co-op College Scholarships

CVEC often works with other electric cooperatives in Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware on projects and issues of mutual interest. One project involves raising funds to provide scholarships for students who live in homes served by an electric cooperative and who will be entering their first year of college.

One source of scholarship fundraising is The Gaff-n-Go Lineman's Rodeo that is held in early April of each year. Journeymen and apprentice linemen from utilities along the eastern seaboard participate in a climbing and equipment skills competition. Proceeds from the entry fees, golf tournament, and other activities are contributed to the Educational Scholarship Foundation of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC)

The 2012 scholarship recipients from CVEC are:

Caroline Daniels of Palmyra, a senior at Fluvanna County High School and the daughter of Monica Bailey Daniels. Caroline will study anthropology at Goucher College.

Caleb Blevins from Palmyra, a senior at Fluvanna County High School and the son of Angela Blevins. Caleb will study engineering at Old Dominion University.

Congratulations to Caroline and Caleb and good luck in your educational endeavors. ⚡



Help Us Stay In Touch

You may notice on your Mail Proxy Ballot two option lines for you to share your e-mail address and cell phone number.

If you choose to share your e-mail address, CVEC will provide you with our **Energy Sense** e-newsletter eight times a year. The newsletter focuses on how you can become more energy efficient and save money without giving up comfort and convenience. We may also contact you directly with advisory information if we have a planned outage or to update you when severe weather has created an extended outage.

If you wish to share your cell phone, we would have the ability to send text message updates to you during an extended outage or to transmit other important information.

As always, CVEC protects your personal information and is offering to provide you with the option to receive information that would be of interest or benefit to you.

You can also update your account information at:

www.mycvec.com

SERVICE RELIABILITY:

Keeping the lights on is a top priority for CVEC employees and a key factor in Cooperative member satisfaction.

Given the rural and rugged nature of the terrain, service reliability is more of a challenge for CVEC than for urban and suburban distribution systems. Given the lower population density, costs are higher per member. CVEC serves less than eight members per line mile while city systems average around 50 customers per line mile.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:

CVEC has been maintaining and upgrading the distribution system over the past two decades to keep up with growth and to address aging equipment, a necessary process to ensure that members enjoy reliable service today and for time to come. This investment in the distribution infrastructure has doubled the value of the physical plant in each of the decades over the past twenty years. CVEC has increased service reliability.



During Summer 2012, CVEC contract crews will be clearing right of way in the following areas:

- Lovingsston
- Arrington
- Tye River
- Henson Store
- Trevillians
- Ferncliff
- Shannon Hills
- Glenmore
- Yogaville

If you have questions or comments, please contact our forester at forester@mycvec.com or by calling 1-800-367-2832. NOTE: Crews move large branches to the side of the ROW and then return later to bush hog smaller branches. 📍



COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT:

Another important upgrade is the replacement of the Co-op's land mobile radio that was purchased in the 1950's. The new system will allow multi-channel communications during outages. In addition to the radio system, a point-to-point microwave system now permits high-speed communications to the Cooperative substations, permitting daily meter reading, blink detection, and increased control of remote distribution equipment.

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE:

In addition to plant maintenance and communications upgrades, CVEC has an aggressive right-of-way maintenance program to prevent trees from growing up and into

the power lines and to reduce the risk of trees falling during severe weather. The annual cost is over \$1.3 million to ensure that preventable outages are significantly reduced by keeping the space below and along the power lines clear from trees that threaten the reliability of your service. 📍

ENERGY UPDATE:

As we all know, the cost of wholesale energy is going to rise on June 1 of this year and CVEC members will begin paying rates that are a little below the state average. That concludes two decades where CVEC members were the envy of neighbors served by other utilities. It also concludes a five or six year effort to locate the best possible wholesale rates for our members. Fortunately, CVEC did not commit to much higher offers that we received as recently as two years ago.

The work on power supply planning is and will continue to be an ongoing effort, but with a different focus. The Co-op's strategy is to create a diversified portfolio for power supply from multiple sources. Either by wholesale contracts or through the purchase of generation assets from multiple sources and of varying duration, we will meet our future needs and reduce significant cost fluctuation from year to year.



- Much of this work will occur over the next three years, while Constellation Energy provides us with all the power that we need during that period.
- CVEC will look to acquire multiple power sources of 10-25 megawatts, each representing about 5-10% of our overall energy requirements. Some of that work is already accomplished.

- CVEC has a ten-year 10-megawatt contract with Exelon, a power generation utility.



- Recently CVEC acquired a 27-megawatt share of the Fremont Energy Center gas-fired generation facility in Ohio. Our rights in that plant will last for the life of the facility.



- We are currently looking at other energy opportunities that will help CVEC members lock in reasonably-priced energy through multiple shorter-duration contracts and from the ownership of generation plants that will operate from 30-50 years.



Sign up for the CVEC Member Advisory Council!

The CVEC Member Advisory Council has provided the CVEC staff and directors with great advice regarding the policies and operations of our Cooperative. To continue the exchange of ideas, CVEC is seeking additional council members.

The Council will meet once or twice a year to receive updates about ongoing projects at CVEC, to learn about new developments and to share their ideas about how changes will affect the overall membership. A meal will be provided at the evening meeting to help with your schedule.

If you would like to participate in the Member Advisory Council, please complete the short application form and return to **CVEC, PO Box 247, Lovingson, VA 22949.**

There are a limited number of seats on the Council from each district, so please respond right away to be sure you are included. 📍



I would like to serve on the CVEC Member Advisory Council. Please contact me!

Name

Address

Phone(s)

Email

CVEC Acct #

Tell us why you would like to serve

ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

While CVEC cannot affect changes in today's wholesale energy market, each of us has control of how we manage the energy in our home or business. As the cost of energy increases, the incentive to use less energy to accomplish the same work increases as well.

CVEC has acquired energy efficiency tools and resources to help our members become more energy efficient without sacrificing on comfort or convenience. Most of these can be found on the CVEC website at www.mycvec.com. **Let us know if we can help.**

Online Energy Audit:

Get started with an energy assessment of your home with a computer model from the Department of Energy. Find out how much energy your home should be using and where you have the opportunity to reduce unnecessary consumption.



Togetherwesave.com:

An entire website dedicated to electric cooperative members. Tour the interactive Energy Savings Home to learn about saving opportunities room-by-room with a project calculator that lets you add up your energy savings. Helpful videos and other resources to aid members who want to save.

Appliance Usage Chart:

Want to know how much energy that coffee maker uses in an hour or how many kilowatt hours that TV uses in a month? This spreadsheet will let you record information about each appliance in your home and then estimate the hours that it is in use per day, yielding an item-by-item monthly cost estimate.

Energy Sense E-newsletter:

Send us your e-mail address and we will send you a monthly electronic newsletter that has great information and energy savings tips. A special version is available for commercial and industrial members.

Also check out the CVEC Facebook page to preview some Energy Sense articles. 📌

CVEC Linemen Honored for Volunteer Service:

Bryon Sandridge and **Chris Allen**, two CVEC linemen who work out of the Palmyra Division Office, were recently awarded the **President's Volunteer Service Award** at the recommendation of the NRECA International Foundation.

Chris and Bryon spent several weeks in Haiti training linemen how to climb poles with climbing hooks and belts and how to work safely in an energized environment. Many Haitian linemen were using ladders and had to de-energize power lines while working to restore a distribution system that was severely damaged by a powerful earthquake.

Upon their return, the linemen created the **"Boots for Haiti"** program that encourages linemen to donate their used steel-shank boots for use by Haitian linemen who most often wore tennis shoes to work in the Caribbean nation.

Congratulations to Bryon and Chris on receiving recognition for volunteering to share your professional skills to help fellow linemen.



ABOVE: Sandridge & Allen (back row) with Haitian linemen; LEFT: Showing off the newly-learned skill of pole climbing.

Charlottesville

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Lovingston



Nelson County High School

NELSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

is approximately 1.5 miles South of Lovingston or 2.5 miles North of Colleen on the West side of US 29.

REMEMBER: Registration begins at 7 PM!

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Colleen

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Lynchburg

HOW TO VOTE:



If you do not attend the annual meeting in person, you may vote by proxy ballot. If you come to the meeting you are entitled to vote during the meeting; however, your proxy ballot will be canceled.

Proxy: If there is doubt that you can attend the annual meeting, please execute and return the proxy ballot promptly so a person may be designated as your proxy. The proxy will act on your behalf for business matters and will ensure a quorum for the business meeting.

The named person should be someone you expect to attend the meeting. The director from your area or a Co-op employee may be designated.

You may also leave the space blank and the CVEC Board will appoint a person to act for you.

Please date and sign the proxy ballot with your name as it appears on the CVEC account. Return it to the Co-op by folding the ballot together, sealing, and mailing. Returning the proxy ballot registers you for proxy prizes (see below).

Director Elections:

- You may choose to mark your proxy ballot for one director in each of the three districts.
- Your other options are to mark "abstain" if you do not wish to vote or to leave the proxy ballot blank and your proxy will cast your vote at the meeting. 📌

BE SURE TO SIGN SECTION #3 ON YOUR PROXY BALLOT.

Tear at perforation, fold & seal

\$500



We will pick 11 proxy ballots from all received by 5 PM, Monday, June 25.

Ten winners will receive \$100 credit toward their electric bill.

ONE GRAND PRIZE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$500 CASH!

Your proxy will not be valid if you attend the meeting, but you will be eligible for additional prizes given that evening.

Fold here

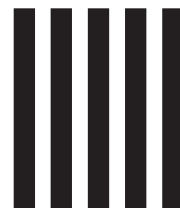
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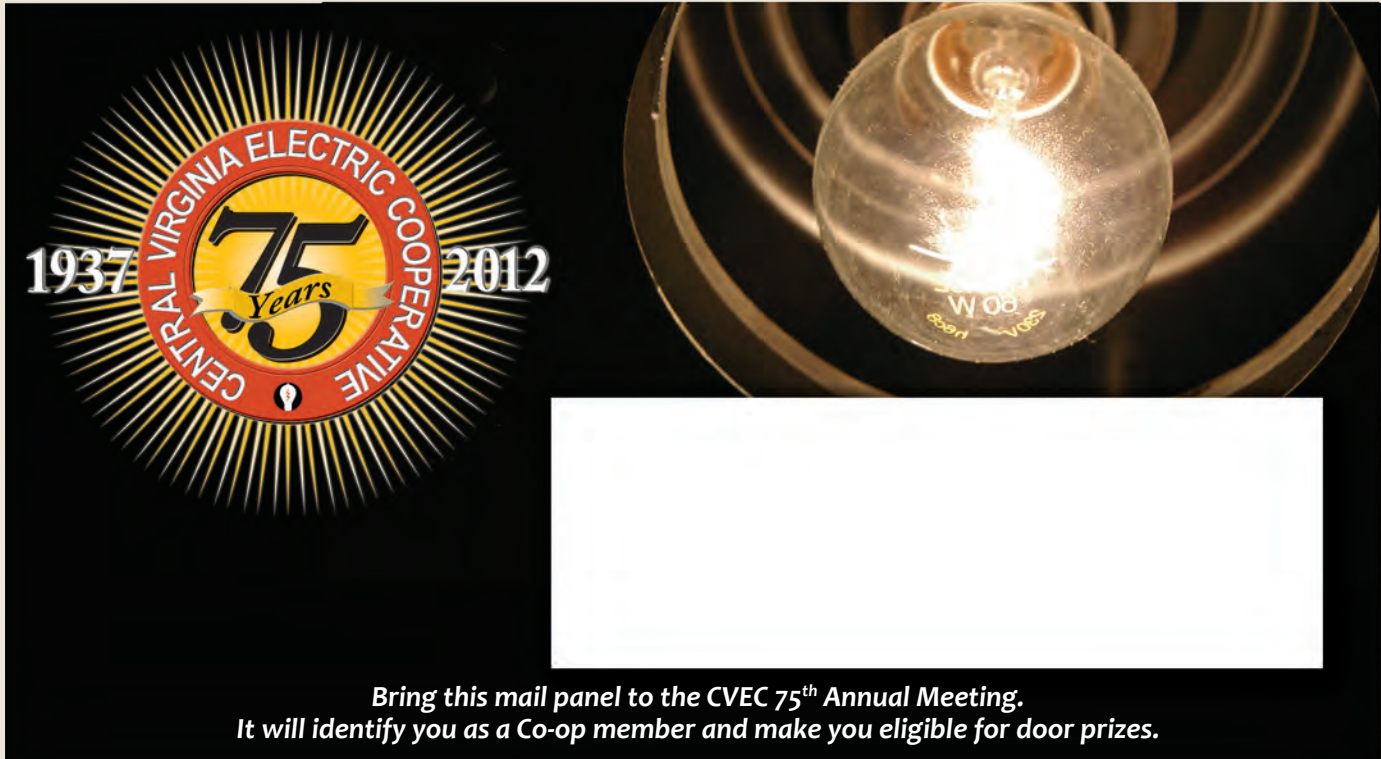
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It will identify you as a Co-op member and make you eligible for door prizes.**

OFFICIAL 2012 CVEC PROXY BALLOT

The Board of Directors of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative solicits your Voting Instructions for the Annual Meeting, 7:30 PM, June 27, 2012.

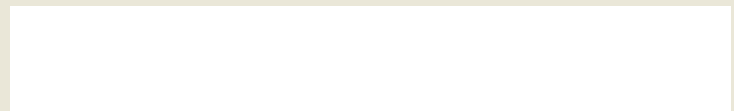
1. Designate Your Proxy (Optional)
(Person attending the Meeting to vote on your behalf.)

PROXY NAME: _____
(This is optional. If left blank, the Board of Directors will appoint someone as your Proxy.)

2. Voting Instructions: Check only one box in the East District, one box in the South District, and one box in the West District. (If left blank, your Proxy will choose on your behalf.)

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|---|
| East District | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gloria W. Vest (3 yr. term) or Abstain |
| South District | <input type="checkbox"/> | Robert M. Duncan (3 yr. term) or Abstain |
| West District | <input type="checkbox"/> | H. T. Brown, Jr. (3 yr. term) or Abstain |

NOTE: VOTE FOR ONLY ONE (1) IN EACH DISTRICT



I acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Designation. In the event of my absence, I hereby designate a Proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual Meeting.

This Proxy Ballot, when returned properly executed, will be voted as directed. If this Proxy Ballot is returned signed with no Voting Instructions, my Proxy will choose on my behalf. The Board of Directors will appoint my Proxy if I do not designate someone.

**This Proxy Ballot must be signed to validate your vote.
All Voting Instructions will be kept confidential.**

3. Sign here to validate Proxy Ballot
(Sign name as it appears on CVEC account)

X _____, _____ 2012
Member Signature Date

TITLE: _____
(If you are an officer or voting representative of the member organization)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

4. Mail Proxy Ballot: Must be received by 5 PM, June 25, 2012