

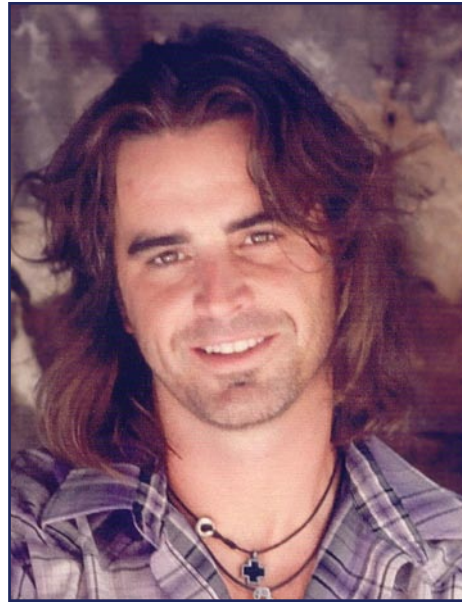
## Country Music Takes a Blue Turn When Hennessee Takes the Stage

Meigs County, Tennessee native Chris Hennessee will perform his unique brand of "Southern Country Blues" when he takes the stage at VEC's Annual Meeting. The singer/songwriter is slated to perform from 8:30 to 10:00.

Hennessee moved to Nashville in 1998 where he spends most of his time performing at venues on historic "Lower Broad," as well as songwriter-friendly venues such as the Bluebird Café and Douglas Corner Café. He's also played at venues across the South and as far away as Amsterdam, Holland.

Hennessee said his influences range from the sounds of classic southern rock bands such as The Marshall Tucker Band and The Allman Brothers to the traditional country sounds of Merle Haggard and Billy Joe Shaver.

A new member of the RPM music group in Nashville, he spends most of his days writing songs by himself or co-writing with the huge pool of talented writers on Music Row.



**Chris Hennessee**

### VEC Annual Meeting Registration/Door Prize Form

This will be your official registration form for the Annual Meeting door prizes. Please write your name and account number in the spaces provided below. Your account number can be found on your VEC billing statement.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring this registration form with you on October 7. You must be present to win.**

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## Please Join Us for Our Annual Meeting

By Rody Blevins President/CEO

As a member of an electric cooperative, you enjoy many rights and privileges that customers of other types of power companies do not.

Volunteer Energy Cooperative's Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your cooperative and about the benefits of membership. This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7 at Meigs County Middle School in Decatur. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my personal invitation to you and your family.

We've lined up a lot of entertainment, prizes, food, and attractions to make it an enjoyable event. It's also a great time to learn about all the different products and services VEC offers and to learn about the policies and procedures your board has adopted to meet the needs of our members.

Every member who attends will receive a goody bag and there will be drawings for prizes. We'll serve a free breakfast and free flu shots will be available. There will also be informational displays about VEC products, services, and operations and electricity safety demonstrations.

It promises to be a great day. I look forward to seeing you there.

## A Letter to Our Members

Dear Cooperative Member:

The 70th Annual Meeting of the Members of Volunteer Energy Cooperative will be held at Meigs County Middle School. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. EDT, on Saturday, October 7, 2006.

The following action is to be taken: To consider reports of officers and to transact all business which may come before a regular Annual Meeting.

**Sammy Norton**  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Are You Ready for 'Bobservations?'

*"Vegetarian is an old Indian word that means: bad hunter."*

*"Folks want to know when is the best time to castrate their bull (according to the moon). The absolute best time to castrate your bull is when you have him tied up really, really well."*

*"The length of a minute depends on which side of the bathroom door you are standing on."*

These are "Bobservations." You can expect plenty of these, as well as plenty of down home, family-style humor when Bob Farmer headlines this year's VEC Annual Meeting.

"We are very pleased to be able to present Bob Farmer and the Farmers' Almanac to our guests this year," said VEC President/CEO Rody Blevins. "Both are full of anecdotes, remedies, and a big dose of down home humor."

Rich in American heritage and steeped with tradition, the Farmers' Almanac is one of the oldest, most respected publications in the nation. Bob Farmer brings this national treasure alive with his unique style of humorous storytelling. Farmer's show will begin at 11:00 a.m. on October 7 at Meigs County Middle School as part of VEC's 70th Annual Meeting. In conjunction with Farmers' show, members who attend will receive a complimentary copy of the 2007 edition of the Farmers' Almanac in their goody bags.

Farmer is a member of The International Society of Storytellers and was sponsored by Zig Ziglar in joining the prestigious National Speakers Association. This year's VEC annual meeting promises to be a treat for young and old alike. So make plans now to attend, and get ready for some "Bobservations."

*"Always borrow from a pessimist, they never expect to be paid back."*

*"Grandchildren are God's reward to you for not killing your teenagers."*



**Bob Farmer**



# VEC Customers *Share*

Your Change Changes Things

By allowing their electric bills to be rounded up to the next dollar Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) customers funded \$32,400 in community service grants in June. Since the inception of the program in October 2001, a total of \$1,865,951 in grants has been awarded to numerous community service projects. The deadline for grant applications is the last day of each month. For additional information, contact the office of Marketing and Economic Development, at 423-334-7051. Applications are also available online, at [www.vec.org](http://www.vec.org).

### Organizations receiving grants in June include:

Uffleman PTO, Monterey - \$3,000; Camp Lookout – Holston Conference - \$3,000; Hilltoppers, Inc., Crossville - \$2,200; McMinn County Foster Care Association - \$2,100; Hales Chapel Community Center, Crossville - \$2,000; 5th – 8th Grade FCA Club, Byrdstown - \$2,000; American Legion Flag Fund, Allardt - \$2,000; Cleveland State Community College Foundation - \$1,000; Health Fair at Luminary Committee - \$1,000; Meigs County Fair Association - \$1,000; Crossville Model Railroad Club, Inc., - \$1,000; Meigs County Middle School PTO - \$1,000; McMinn County Living Heritage Museum - \$900; The Youth Association, Spring City - \$700; Friends of the Library of Spring City - \$600; Polk County High School History Club - \$500; Polk County Fair Association - \$500; Bradley/Polk Foster Adptive Care Association - \$500; Midway Athletic Club - \$500; Christian Discovery Museum, Cleveland - \$500; Red Clay Theatre Co. Inc., Cleveland - \$500; Boy Scout Troop 18, Cookeville - \$500; Girl Scout Troops 149 & 449, Benton - \$500; Linsdale Community Services, Delano - \$500; Polk County Education Foundation - \$500; Boy Scout Troop 304, Ten Mile - \$500; North Lee Elementary School PTO, Cleveland - \$500; Roaring 50s Variety Group, Cleveland - \$500; E.G. Fisher Public Library, Athens - \$445; Calhoun First Baptist Youth Group - \$400; First Baptist Team Kids Fall Fest, Spring City - \$400; Rhea County Emergency Medical Services - \$300; Elisha Cummings Walk For Juvenile Diabetes, Byrdstown - \$300; Wolf Creek Cemetery, Spring City - \$200; Mountain View Science Club, Etowah - \$155; Stone Memorial High School Basketball Booster Club, Crossville - \$100; and Upper Cumberland Men's District Softball - \$100.



**McMinn County Foster Care Association**

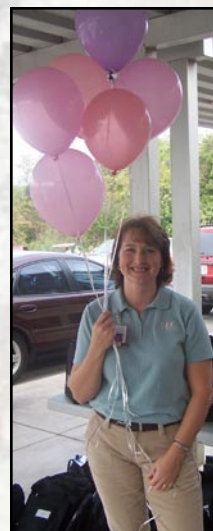
VECcustomers Share Board Member Nell Whitaker, center, presents a grant check to Peggy Carroll and Judy Weir of the McMinn County Foster Care Association.

# You Are Invited

## Volunteer Energy Cooperative's Annual Meeting

**Saturday, October 7, 8:00 a.m.**

**Meigs County Middle School, Decatur, TN**



→ **Goody Bags & Door Prizes!**

→ **VEC Products & Service Information**

→ **Free Flu Shots**

→ **Free Breakfast**

→ **Face Painting & Clown**

→ **Entertainment by Humorist Bob Farmer and Singer/Songwriter Chris Hennessee**

→ **Update on VEC Operations by President/CEO Rody Blevins**

→ **Safety Demonstrations**

→ **Plenty of food, fun and entertainment for the Entire Family!**



If you have special needs or require specific accommodations, please contact Volunteer Energy Cooperative's Marketing & Economic Development Department at 423-334-7051 or call your local VEC Customer Service Center and enter extension 7051 when prompted. Every effort will be made to accommodate special needs.

### Directions

Meigs County Middle School is centrally located in the Volunteer Energy Cooperative service region in Decatur, Tennessee. Once you get to Highway 58 in Decatur turn east on Z Street (at Papa's Pizza – across the street from Piggly Wiggly), left on Main Street, and right into the Meigs Middle School parking lot. Or you can just follow the signs – there will be plenty of signs pointing you in the right direction once you reach the Decatur area.

### To get to Decatur from:

#### Kingston:

Follow Highway 58 heading south into Decatur. Turn left onto Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

#### Crossville:

Take Highway 127 South out of Crossville. Follow Highway 27/68 over Watts Bar Dam. Make a right-hand turn onto Highway 58, go nine miles then turn left onto Z Street, left onto Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

If you want to bypass Watts Bar Dam, take 127 south out of Crossville, stay on Highway 27/68. Just past Spring City Highway 68 veers off to the left towards Watts Bar. Stay on 27 south until you get to the intersection with Highway 30 in Dayton. Turn left onto Highway 30 and take that all the way into Decatur. When you reach Highway 58 in Decatur, turn left and the turn onto Z Street will be a right-hand turn.

#### Cleveland:

Take Highway 60 to the intersection with Highway 58. Turn right onto Highway 58 and follow that into Decatur. Turn right onto Z Street, left onto Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

#### Athens:

Take Highway 30 into Decatur. At the intersection with Highway 58, turn right. Turn right onto Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

### Annual Meeting Schedule

<b>Registration</b>	<b>8 a.m. to 10 a.m.</b>
<b>Pancake &amp; Continental Breakfast</b>	<b>8 a.m. to 10 a.m.</b>
<b>* Flu Shots</b>	<b>8 a.m. to 10 a.m.</b>
<b>Singer/Songwriter Chris Hennessee</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.</b>
<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>10 a.m. to 11 a.m.</b>
<b>Humorist Bob Farmer</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. to noon</b>
<b>* As of presstime, flu shots are expected to be available.</b>	