

Voices of Lee to Headline the VEC Annual Meeting on October 6

The Voices of Lee is a 14 member a cappella ensemble from Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. Since their debut in September '94, their intense musical focus has captivated audiences worldwide including NBC's season one of the Sing-Off. Directed by Danny Murray, this 14 member group is characterized by their unique variety of lush vocal harmonies, high-energy patriotic numbers, fun-filled audience participation, as well as heart-felt gospel favorites.

Earlier this year Voices performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Voices also received three awards at the May 2018 A Cappella Award ceremony held in Nashville, Tennessee for their music video of "What a Beautiful Name" by Hillsong.



VEC Annual Meeting is Easy to Find

GPS Address: Meigs Middle School
564 N. Main Street, Decatur, TN 37322

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 (across 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 arrive in the Decatur area.

To Decatur from:

Kingston: Follow Highway 58 heading south into Decatur. Turn left on 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 turn onto Highway 58, go nine miles, turn left on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

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

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



Why Stand In Line If You Don't Have To?

This year you will receive your Annual Meeting Ticket in your bill. Please bring the ticket with you to save time at registration. Your ticket will look like the below example.

This is your Annual Meeting Ticket!

	Meeting Location: Meigs Middle School , 564 N. Main St., Decatur, TN 37322 Meeting Time: Saturday, October 6, 2018 – 8:00am ET until 12:00pm ET	MEMBER # 0123456789
NAME STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE ZIP	Bring this pre-registered event ticket with you to the Annual Meeting and save time at the registration desk. This ticket will also entitle you to a voucher redeemable at the end of the meeting for a complimentary gift!	

Save time with this Pre-registered Event Ticket.

VEC Annual Meeting Set for October 6

As summer turns to fall, many of us get caught up in the hectic, back-to-school rush and return to our more normal routines. But before your calendar gets too full, please make it a point to mark Saturday, October 6 on your calendar. That's the date for this year's Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) Annual Meeting.

VEC's Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your cooperative and about the differences between being a member of an electric cooperative and being a customer of a different type of electric company.

Registration, free flu shots, and your choice of a pancake or a continental breakfast begin immediately after the doors open at 8 a.m. EST. Morning entertainment will precede the business meeting which convenes at 10 a.m. Voices of Lee, the featured entertainment, will take the stage about 10:45 a.m. EST.

In between the entertainment you can stroll through numerous displays about VEC's products and services, energy efficiency, and how to save money on your electric bill. There will also be plenty of great door prizes and every family will receive a free gift.

There will also be face painting and safety demonstrations designed for the young and the young-at-heart.

Don't miss out on the fun, the food, the entertainment, the prizes and giveaways, along with the chance to learn about your electric cooperative on October 6 at Meigs County Middle School in Decatur. Directions are included in this issue of *Powerlines*.

'See you there.



Rody Blevins
President/CEO
Volunteer Energy
Cooperative



VEC Customers Share

Your Change Changes Things



The VECustomers Share program funded \$29,200 in community service grants in July. Since the inception of the program in October 2001, more than \$6.4 million in grants has been awarded. The deadline for grant applications is the last working 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.



VECustomers Share Board Member Barbara Rector presented a grant check to Commander Don Scott of the Hull York Chapter of Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Organizations receiving grants in July

Cumberland County Rescue Squad	\$2,250	CS Counseling	\$500
Fentress County Food Bank	\$1,614.75	McMinn County History Society & Archives	\$500
Hull/York Chapter 5 Disabled American Veterans	\$1,500	Birchwood Senior Neighbors	\$500
Rhea County Health Council - Give a Kid a Chance	\$1,500	Mountain First Responders	\$500
Midway Middle School Football Club	\$1,400	Chattanooga Scottish Rite	\$500
Cumberland County Rising Anti-Drug Coalition	\$1,150	Junior Panthers Football	\$500
Boys & Girls Club of Meigs County	\$1,070	Midway Elementary School STEM Club	\$500
Benton Elementary School Jr. Beta Club	\$1,000	Meigs County Quarterback Club	\$430
American Cancer Society - Rhea County	\$1,000	CASA Cumberland County	\$400
American Legion Post 81	\$1,000	Midway High School Solar RC Club	\$300
Chilhowee Middle School Softball	\$1,000	Roane County Knights Lacrosse	\$300
Maple Grove Community Seniors	\$750	Standing Stone Historical Society	\$250
Calhoun Elementary PTO	\$750	MJHS (Monterey Jr. High School) Cheerleading Booster Club	\$250
Ocoee Theatre Guild	\$750	Jr. Achievement of Ocoee Region	\$250
Welcome Home of Chattanooga	\$750	American Cancer Society - Polk County	\$250
Monterey Food Bank	\$750	Riceville Youth Football	\$250
Ocoee Middle School Archery Team	\$750	Polk County Education Foundation	\$250
Morgan Scott Project	\$585.25	Sons of Confederate Veterans-Champ Ferguson	\$250
Town of Byrdstown 5K/3K Walk/Run	\$500	Standing Stone Camp #2014	\$250
Pickett County Historical Society	\$500	Mending Hearts Chapter 127	\$250
American Cancer Society - McMinn County	\$500	Burks Elementary School 3rd & 4th P.E. Camp	\$250
American Cancer Society - Meigs County	\$500	McMinn County High School Dance Team	\$250
		Lady Panthers Soccer Boosters	\$200

It Takes a Cooperative

By Julie Jones

A well-known phrase, 'it takes a village to' is often used to explain something that requires everyone to achieve. Since I began working as the communications and PR coordinator at Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC), I have revised that expression to 'it takes a cooperative.'



Working throughout our 17 county service area, part of my responsibilities include the cooperative principles of educational training and concern for the community. I go to schools and community organizations and share information about VEC, energy efficiency and safety. I share information that can keep our consumer members safe, reduce their energy consumption, and help schools fulfill their STEM educational requirements.

This year, I met with groups and spoke about staying safe in storms, what it's like to work at an energy cooperative, how to save energy, and what to do if a powerline comes down. Additionally students were walked through age appropriate safety demonstrations, learned about how electricity is conducted, discovered what substances can be insulators, and step-potential dangers.



At many of these events, VEC employees from local service centers also attended and presented. Seeing a local lineman at their school, being able to talk about a career in the power industry with someone working in that field, and seeing the equipment used daily up close is worth a thousand words. It takes a cooperative to impact our community. It takes a cooperative to educate our future cooperative members.



A Letter to Our Members

Dear Cooperative Member:

The 82nd 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. Eastern Time, on Saturday, October 6, 2018.

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

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