



## VEC Annual Meeting is Easy to Find

GPS Address: Meigs Middle School, 564 N. Main St., 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 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.

## A Letter to Our Members

Dear Cooperative Member:

The 86th 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 Saturday, October 1st, 2022.

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

**Sammy Norton**  
Secretary-Treasurer

## VEC is Holding Unclaimed Property

Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) is holding unclaimed property of at least \$50 due to the persons listed below. The owner may claim this property by contacting Volunteer Energy Cooperative, 18359 Highway 58 N. P.O. Box 277, Decatur, TN 37322, 423-334-7018 or 423-334-7014. **If an owner has not contacted us by Oct. 21, 2022,** the law requires us to submit this property to the Tennessee Treasury Department Unclaimed Property Division.

### Unless noted, all cities are in Tennessee:

**ASHLAND CITY** – Jennifer Scribner. **ATHENS** – Elissa Billups, Ethan Everett, Jessie Forshee, Lindsey Nunley, Benjamin Petrillo. **BENTON** – Jessica Carver. **BIRCHWOOD** – Daniel Sweeton. **BLOOMINGTON SPRINGS** – Christopher Renfro. **BYRDSTOWN** – Hayley Kunkel. **CALHOUN** – Thomas Rogers. **CHARLESTON** – Ronald Holden, Billy Womac. **CHATTANOOGA** – Leslie Brown, Torben Kaune. **CLEVELAND** – Bret Adams, Angela Bivens, Eric Blair, Emily Brown, Barbara Davis, Deborah Gebhardt, Professional Home Services, B Tipton. **CROSSVILLE** – Teddy Allred, Bonnie Beattie, Mark Bennett, Vicky Bowling, Kristen Buller, Amanda Campbell, Henry Gerdes, Jasper Griffith, Seth Hummel, Ashley Joines, Tammy Kennedy, Melissa Kilby, Jacob Kyser, Jeffrey Milby, Rhonda Percifield, Ronald Pilcher, Eric Porter, Amanda Roberts, Justin Rockwell, Carla Sherrill, Candace Shinault, Robert Smith, James Staudenmaier, Denise Tavaréz, James Vess, Ricky Walker, Kyle Webb, Warren Whitehead, Brandon Williamson, Martha White. **DECATUR** – Mike Cranfield, Daniel Definis, Tracy Eadie, Daniel Huard, Billie Hunt, Billie Land, Carter Lankford, Tonja Moore, Carissa Tilley, Charles Walker III. **DICKSON** – Judith Burton. **EVENSVILLE** – Steven Mow. **GEORGETOWN** – James Childs, Billy Goode, Gary Lawson. **HIXSON** – Dawn Holquin. **JAMESTOWN** – Kenny Daniels, Lashawnda Godsey, Virginia Hoover, Colby Turner. **KINGSTON** – Christine Cunningham. **MONTEREY** – William Dailey, Erik Johnson, Justin Kerley, Abbye Leek, Imogene Payne, Joan Weinberger, Kimberly Whiney. **OCOEE** – Oscar Milen. **OLD FORT** – Renat Balan, Juanita Brown, Nina Emmert, Dewey Forshee, Laten Investments LLC. **OLTEWAH** – Cortney Cash, Nicholas Scoggins. **PALMYRA** – Bob Harrison. **RICEVILLE** – Sue Barnes, Bobby Greene, Darcy Jorge, David Swafford. **ROCKWOOD** – Scott Bennington. **SPRING CITY** – Billie Cole, Britney Garren, Crystal Godsey, Jimmy Harville, Rebecca Knox, Jaimi Oakley, Emily Wesolowski. **SUNBRIGHT** – TGP Management LLC. **TEN MILE** – Candice Bales, Matthew England, William Fagg. **FL** – Timothy Hansford. **GA** – William Acworth, Ricardo Cohutta, Frank Norcross, William Lingerfelt, Glenda Stockbridge. **KY** – Todd Hebron. **ME** – Kim Weld. **NC** – Arthur Battleboro. **NE** – Ann Miko. **OH** – Hugh Ney. **TX** – GradaLupé Marquez. **WA** – Adriana Snohomish. **WV** – Johnny Lucas.

## 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 sample.



## Endings and New Beginnings

The issue of *Powerlines* that you hold in your hand is the last of its kind. Beginning in October, Volunteer Energy Cooperative will partner with the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association to bring our residential members bi-monthly issues of *The Tennessee Magazine*. You will read about this transition elsewhere in this issue of *Powerlines*, but I wanted to take part of my space to pay tribute to the publication that has served us well since 1976.

Sometimes people tell me that the readership of *Powerlines* has dwindled over the years, and with the advent of the digital age, I'm sure that is true – to a point. But since I have been back in the role as Interim President/CEO, so many people have told me they read about my return in *Powerlines*. There is good information in this newsletter that helps our members save energy, stay up to date about our programs and services, and just generally keep informed about our area.

*The Tennessee Magazine* is a world class publication that you will enjoy not only for the VEC news and events that it will contain, but also for its glorious photography and meaty article about the great state of Tennessee. It will arrive in your mailbox separately from the bill around the first of every other month. And just like *Powerlines*, electronic issues of *The Tennessee Magazine* will be archived on the VEC web site.

Speaking of new beginnings, as of the time of this writing, your Volunteer Energy Board of Directors is working hard to find a permanent President/CEO that will lead our Cooperative into the future. It is a daunting task – probably the most important job that the Board has undertaken in many years. I am confident that they will select the best candidate to move Volunteer Energy Cooperative forward in the years to come. Stay tuned... I am excited!

## Please plan to attend the VEC 86th ANNUAL MEETING!

Join us Saturday, October 1st for breakfast, free flu shots, entertainment, gifts, door prizes, and more.

This year, entertainment will be provided by the Cumberland County Playhouse T3 GLEE. T3 GLEE is a Playhouse show choir designed to highlight local students and give them an opportunity to act as CCP ambassadors to other organizations in local communities.



Patty Hurley  
Interim President/CEO  
Volunteer Energy  
Cooperative



## VEC Customers Share Awards \$25,700 in Grants



VEC Customers Share is a grant program funded through the rounding up of members' bills to the nearest dollar. The most an individual member would pay within a year is \$11.88. Our members' yearly average is usually about \$5.50.

In return for the rounded up change from our members, we contribute to organizations across our 17 county service area. Each month, the VEC Customers Share Board meets and distributes the funds collected in the previous month. A board member represents every service area. In July, VEC Customers Share Grants totaled \$25,700.

Grant recipients included Cumberland G.A.P. Mission in Fentress County. The grant money they received (\$1,000) will help them meet expenses relating to home improvement projects for those who cannot afford home repairs.



VEC's VP of Marketing, David Murphy (left), presents a check to Lesley Holt, Cumberland G.A.P. Mission Director.

Since the inception of the program in October 2001, VEC Customers Share members have awarded over \$7.5 million in grants. 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 <https://vec.org/community-programs/vecustomers-share/>.

## Lillard-Shadow Scholarship Awarded to Four Exceptional Graduating Seniors

Volunteer Energy Cooperative recognized four exceptional graduating seniors for their commitment to community service and their academic achievements by awarding them with VEC's 2022 Lillard-Shadow Scholarships.

The Lillard-Shadow Scholarship program was endowed to honor J.W. Lillard and Willis A. Shadow. Lillard and Shadow were dedicated to improving the lives and livelihoods of community residents through electric power. Committed to public service and community involvement, they were instrumental in the organization of the Meigs County Electric Membership Corporation in 1935. This organization eventually evolved into Volunteer Energy Cooperative.



Amanda Ledford



Serenity Nolan



Madison Fischer



Briley York

Each year, an independent panel of education professionals judge applications for Lillard-Shadow Scholarships mainly based on students' demonstrated commitment to community service. The \$2,000 scholarship to attend the college of his or her choice was awarded to Amanda Ledford, Serenity Nolan, Madison Fischer, and Briley York.

Amanda Ledford is the daughter of Anthony and Angela Ledford. Amanda graduated from Bradley Central High School with a 4.0 GPA and was ranked second in a class of 373. She is a member of Relay for Life of Bradley County, the National Honor Society, Health Occupation Students of America, Bradley County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership, and served on the BCHS student council. Through these organizations, Amanda has chaired the Isaiah 117 House donation project, collected donations for homeless shelters, volunteered at a local assisted living facility, and helped with her local Habitat for Humanity. Amanda's Health Science teacher describes her as "Eager to learn new things, very involved in the community, and empathetic." She plans to attend Lee University in the fall.

Serenity Nolan is the daughter of Jason and Michelle Nolan. Serenity graduated from Monterey High School (MHS) with a 3.9 GPA and was ranked fourth in a class of 100. Serenity has participated in fundraisers to help send others to church camp, donated supplies to disaster relief, and written cards to nursing home residents. One of Serenity's teachers says, "[She is] one of the best I've taught." Serenity plans to attend Tennessee Tech University in the fall.

Madison Fischer is the daughter of Tabitha Layman. She graduated from Meigs County High School with a 4.0 GPA and was ranked eighth in a class of 130. Madison has volunteered at her local Boys and Girls Club, has collected supplies and cooked for families at the Ronald McDonald House in Chattanooga, and has participated in Operation Christmas Child. Her English teacher says, "[Madison] is exemplary. I could not pick a more well-rounded student-athlete and person at Meigs High." Madison plans to attend the University of Tennessee Knoxville in the fall.

Briley York is the son of Larry and Michelle York. Briley graduated from Clarkrange High School with a 4.0 GPA. Briley has participated in projects including a health clinic at South Fentress Elementary and food drive for schools in the Clarkrange and Jamestown areas. The Fentress County CTE Director describes Briley as "outstanding in his citizenship and community service." He plans to attend Tennessee Tech University in the fall.

For more information about the scholarship or to apply, visit: <https://vec.org/community-programs/youth-programs/>.

## Tennessee Valley Authority

Residential & Outdoor Lighting Fuel Cost Adjustment Effective

August 1, 2022

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For the most current FCA information, visit [www.vec.org](http://www.vec.org)

Volunteer Energy Cooperative is an Equal Opportunity provider and employer.

## Powerlines Newsletter to Discontinue - Tennessee Magazine to Begin October 1

Beginning October 1, VEC's *Powerlines* newsletter will be discontinued, and residential members will begin receiving a bimonthly copy of *The Tennessee Magazine*. *The Tennessee Magazine* is a news source for electric co-ops across the state. It is published by the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association (TECA), and has been a trusted informant since 1958. In addition to up-to-date information from VEC, the magazine will include features like "Travel"; "History"; and "Food," to name a few.

The *Powerlines* newsletter has been a part of VEC since May 1976 and has functioned as a way to relay information to our members. It was created by the former Member Services Manager, Erbin Baumgardner, "as a means of better informing the membership." We applaud Erbin and the other former VEC employees who began such a great news source. For 46 years, our members have trusted *Powerlines* to bring them the most accurate information about VEC.

Though *Powerlines* holds a special place in the hearts of those who has been a part of VEC, we opted to participate in *The Tennessee Magazine* for the benefit of our members. With *The Tennessee Magazine* as our primary news source, we will be able to include more information about the cooperative (7 pages) as well as add more graphics and art. With the magazine having a wider range of topics, we are also hoping the magazine will be more appealing to our members' interests.

We are looking forward to partnering with TECA to bring you (the member) the best product possible. VEC continues to be committed to serving our members through growth and progress.



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