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## 5 WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

When summer temperatures rise, so do our energy bills. Here are a few ways you can reduce energy use and grow your summer savings.

**1. Raise your thermostat.**

The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temp, the more you'll save.

**2. Install window coverings** like blinds or light-blocking curtains to prevent indoor heat gain during the day.

**3. Seal leaks with caulk and weatherstripping** around windows and exterior doors. Air leaks force your air conditioner to work harder and run longer than necessary.

**4. Run ceiling fans** for additional cooling but turn them off when you leave the room.

**5. Lower your water heater thermostat** to 120 degrees to reduce standby heat loss.





# ANNUAL MEETING

Over 300 people attended the 87th Annual Meeting of the Membership of Central Electric Power Association March 19 at the coliseum in Carthage.

The crowd was entertained by One Way Quartet, a southern gospel quartet based out of Attala County. Members enjoyed the old convention-style singing.

General Manager Brian Long opened the meeting followed by the invocation given by Phillip Crosby, a member of the board of directors. Mayor Laurie Henderson of Carthage welcomed the crowd and complimented Manager Long and the board of directors for the wonderful job they do for the community.

Amy Tate, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Southwest Region Executive Leader, provided TVA updates to the members. TVA values their partnership with Central Electric Power Association and the hard work that has been accomplished through the years. Lydia Walters, Electric Cooperatives of MS (ECM) Vice President of Communications, was a guest at the meeting.

Manager Long reported that by the end of 2023, the association had 38,637 members in central Mississippi and 4,363 miles of underground and overhead distribution and transmission lines. Long also praised his staff for working hard, being safe, and keeping the lights on.

To conclude the meeting, a raffle took place. Dozens of prizes, including a smoker, were given to away to lucky members.

## The special prize winners were

**\$1,500**  
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Angela Irby  
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Steve and Yvonne Nowell  
Neshoba county

Lamar Parker  
Neshoba county

Pat Barnes, Jr.  
Scott county

The elected board of directors are: Hanna Watson; Neshoba County, David Boyd; Rankin County, and Pettey Leach; Scott County.



A crowd of more than 300 people attended the  
**2024 ANNUAL MEETING**



Brian Long, general manager, delivers the annual report and praises Central Electric staff on a job well done.



Mayor Laurie Henderson welcomed the crowd to Carthage while complimenting Central Electric on community involvement.



Chance Sistrunk, electrical engineer, shares energy efficiency information with members.



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Central Electric provides door prizes for members in attendance.

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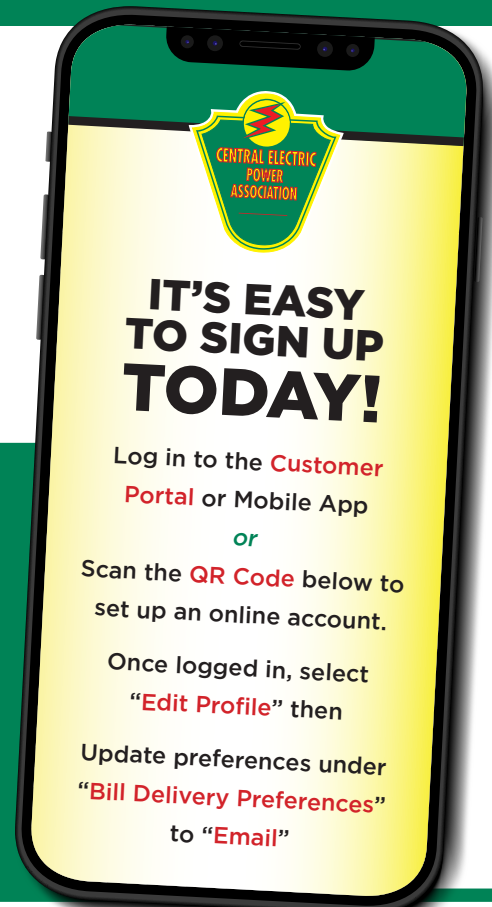
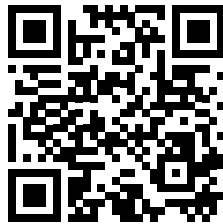
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## TVA lineman visits with Leake Academy students

Chuck Pigg, TVA lineman, had the opportunity to show the 4th grade class at Leake Academy in Madden, MS what he does at TVA. The kids viewed one of the helicopters that TVA uses on their transmission projects and asked questions to pilot Ryan Madigan and lineman Stacey Sockwell.

