



# ILLUMINATIONS

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**FROM THE DESK OF OUR  
GENERAL MANAGER**

## The Firsts...

Life is full of firsts. From a baby's first step, the first day of elementary school, the first day of high school, your first prom... and your first kiss. For

a 12-year-old boy, there was no better way to have a first kiss than the famous Spin-the-Bottle game. Unlike Wheel of Fortune, Spin-the-Bottle made you obligated to kiss the person to whom the bottle pointed after a healthy spin.

For me, it was... duh... I don't remember her name. Many people do remember the name of the person they first kissed, but for me, I saw her once and never again.

HOWEVER, I do remember my first love. We met at a church music practice. I remember seeing her walk in the back door of the 2nd Baptist Church of Dalton, Georgia. I remember how I felt. I remember how I acted (goofy, according to her.) I remember what she was wearing. I tried to act cool, you know, like when John Travolta meets Olivia Newton-John for the first time in the movie "Grease." I was smitten, but she was having none of it. She was out of my

league, and I knew it.

YEARS LATER (four to be exact), after taking her out for a super romantic evening, including outdoor dining on a hilltop in the North Georgia Mountains, we stood hand-in-hand, watching a beautiful red sunset fill the sky across the mist-filled mountains. That was the moment when I... well... did nothing. It was not until we got back to her house that night and changed into our comfy clothes (for me, that is shorts, a t-shirt, and flip-flops) that I got down on one knee and asked her to be my wife. She said, "Really, you couldn't have done this on the mountain two hours earlier?"



then, she said, yes!!!! That was 47 years ago this April. THIS YEAR will be another first for me. I will be retiring after a 45-year career in the power industry.

I have been blessed to work for an outstanding Board of Directors, to work with a wonderful and dedicated group of employees, and to have a group of department heads like none other I know.

I HOPE when you read this article, you will reminisce about your first something. And when you do, I hope it brings a massive smile to your face! McMinnville Electric System, Shining the Light on Your Future since 1939.

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Brittany Davis - General Manager -Elect

## Mark Your Calendars!

MES is hosting our first Business After Hours of 2024.

**On March 6th from 4 until 6 PM at the Chamber Community Room**

**on Court Square** come enjoy meeting our new

General Manager-Elect, Ms. Brittany Davis, visiting with MES employees, retirees, and networking with local businesses and Chamber members! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please kindly RSVP to Debbie Sain at dsain@mesystem.net or 931-474-0084

**WINNER!**



Pictured L to R: Debbie Sain with MES and contest winner Jen Riley who took home an electric heater!

*Winner!*

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### Energy Tip!

*Open your curtains and let the sun warm your home on bright sunny days and close those curtains back up at night...*

# NAME THAT MES EMPLOYEE!



### HOW MANY CAN YOU NAME?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THOSE WHO CORRECTLY IDENTIFY THE MOST EMPLOYEES FROM EITHER PHOTO WILL BE PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR AN ELECTRIC SKILLET! YOU COULD BE THE LUCKY WINNER NEXT MONTH! DRAWING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 29TH.**