### MCMINNVILLE ELECTRIC SYSTEM

# ILLUMINATIONS

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## Welcome Ellmmer!

Summer is here. As we step into the heart of summer, we want to wish all of our customers a safe and enjoyable season. Whether you're planning family road trips, enjoying cookouts, or just trying to beat the heat, now is a great time to take advantage of TVA's energy-saving tips. Simple actions like adjusting your thermostat while you're away, using ceiling fans, and closing blinds during the hottest parts of the day can help reduce your energy bill while keeping your home comfortable. These small changes add up — especially during peak summer demand.

And speaking of things adding up...

#### Spotlight on Excellence: Our Accounting Team

Behind every balanced ledger and on-time report is a group of dedicated professionals making it happen. We're proud to highlight our amazing accounting department this month—their attention to detail, teamwork, and commitment are second to none.

(See the smiling faces of our hardworking team in the photo below this article!)

Stay safe, stay cool, and thank you for letting us serve you!



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### Summer Vacation Energy Saving Tips

Did you know that heating and cooling your home can account for as much as 55% of your household electricity use? That's... a lot. But that also means just a few small things can make a big difference. Let's see what TVA recommends for when you are not in your house this summer.

- 1. Set your thermostat to 78° F in the summer.
- 2. Dr<mark>op</mark> your water heater thermostat to its lowest set point.
- 3. Set the refrigerator thermostat to 35° F–38° F and the freezer to 0° F–5° F.
- 4. Unplug all small electronic devices, e.g., de/humidifiers, and printers.
- 5. Unplug all TVs, gaming consoles, entertainment devices, computers and laptops.
- 6. Unplug all power adapters and charging devices.
- 7. Unplug the microwave, toaster, coffee maker and appliances with an electronic clock.
- 8. Turn off indoor and outdoor lights.
- 9. Close all curtains, drapes and blinds.

Be sure to visit the Main Street Live Events this summer!

July 4- Joe Harvey Band

July 11- Iconic Women of Music

July 18- 90's Tribute
July 25- Soul Sacrifice



All customers are automatically entered to win one of four single day passes to the Warren County A&L Fair! Winners will be announced the last week of August.



We recently celebrated our Operations Crew who also enjoyed some professional development during Linemen Appreciation Week.



### TVA & MES PARTNER FOR SCHOOL UPLIFT

#### **Bobby Ray Elementary Receives** \$10,000 Grant from TVA

Bobby Ray joins over 323 schools to have completed **School Uplift** over the past four years, competing to earn grants for building upgrades and other learning environment improvements. On average, participating schools save nearly 10% on their annual energy bills from behavior changes alone.

"Every dollar invested in our schools helps districts allocate resources to what truly matters – providing quality education for our children," said Monika Beckner, vice president of TVA's Energy Services & Programs. "School Uplift is another way we've partnered with TVA to invest in our community," said Brittany Davis. "We are so excited that Bobby Ray earned this grant, which will enable administrators to improve facilities and make the school more efficient, healthy, and comfortable for teachers and students. The faculty, staff and students committed to prioritizing energy efficiency over the last school year and earned this grant through their hard work." Congratulations!

