



ILLUMINATIONS



**FROM THE
 DESK OF OUR
 GENERAL
 MANAGER**



I Smell a Skunky Story

I recently had an opportunity to spend time with Tennessee Representative Paul Sherrill, Representative Rush Bricken, and Senator Janice Bowling. Representative Sherrill invited me to join him for a session on the floor of the Tennessee House of Representatives. My time on the floor of the House was very memorable. As Representative Sherrill was introducing me to his fellow legislators, one of them gave me a bit of sage advice. His advice was, “never get into a ***** (think of a word that would rhyme with hissing) contest with a skunk.” Why he chose to impart such timeless wisdom upon one as lowly and winsome as me is beyond me; but, nevertheless, he did. And now... I have imparted the wisdom of one of our finest elected officials on you.

You can thank me later.

On a more serious note, being on the floor of the Tennessee House of Representatives is an

awesome experience and one that I will never forget. Thank you Representative Paul Sherrill for the opportunity.

It’s easy to be critical of those elected officials who represent us at the local, state, and national level, but at the end of the day, almost all of them are trying to do what is best for the people back home, even those people who did not vote for them or who do not support them.



So, next time you see Senator Bowling, Representative Bricken, or Representative Sherrill, tell them how much you appreciate all they do for us. Tell them you are one of their friends and supporters back home, and thank them for taking time away from their family to help make Tennessee a better place to live.



And when you see Representative Sherrill, tell him that Rodney Boyd told all the customers of McMinnville Electric System the story about a skunk. He’ll get a laugh.

Have a great springtime!!!

Christmas Nostalgia Tree Winner!

CORRECTION: Last edition the winner of the tree was misspelled. **Bobbye McCormick** was the lucky winner of the silver tree. We sincerely apologize for the error. Although Christmas is over, we hope the nostalgia tree will be a centerpiece in your decorations next year Ms. McCormick. As always, thank you for participating in our promotions!

HOW CAN YOU SAVE?



- Set your thermostat at 68 degrees to save on energy use during the winter.
- Make sure you have all the drafts covered / weatherized.
- Insulation is key to a comfortable home. Do you have enough?
- How old is your HVAC unit? An older unit can be less efficient, costing you energy dollars each month. Be sure to check with MES before purchasing a new one. You may qualify for financing.
- MES will check your home for energy efficiency free of charge. Make your appointment today.



SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

Spring Forward 1 Hour



SAFETY FIRST... ALWAYS

With spring just weeks away, you may be planning to clean gutters or remove dangling or fallen tree branches from your yard. Some spring cleaning is good for the soul, but always be mindful of the location of electric lines near your home especially when placing a ladder or any other tools. Contact with electric lines can be deadly. We here at MES want you to be safe and aware this spring cleaning season.



GARDENING TRIVIA

Answer these questions, bring in your newsletter with your name and phone number below to be entered into a drawing for an electric hedge trimmer. Pick up your FREE LED lightbulb just for participating!

NAME _____

PHONE _____

1. Which flower symbolizes beauty?
2. What color is the John F. Kennedy rose?
3. Which country has the most native cactus plants?
4. What would a bunch of pink carnations signify?
5. The rose, beloved of many gardeners, is related to a well-known pie ingredient. What is it?
6. Deep in the heart of Texas you'll find roadsides capped with this low-growing annual herb. To some it's a noxious weed, but to Texans it's their state flower! What is it?
7. What is Tennessee's state flower?
8. When do you plant spring flowering bulbs?

