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**Manager's Message:**

## Staying Safe During Summer Storms

**M**any of us look forward to summer in North Carolina with its sunny days, warm weather and relaxing time spent with family and friends. However, the arrival of summer also ushers in the potential for hurricanes and storms that can impact our state from the mountains to the coast.

The Atlantic hurricane season officially begins on June 1 and runs through the end of November, meaning that now is the time to prepare for storm season.

Here are some proactive steps you can take to get ready for summer storms and the heavy rain, wind and hail they may bring:

- ➔ Make a plan: Identify the safest spots in your home, designate a meeting place and write down emergency contact information. Also identify evacuation routes.
- ➔ Compile an emergency kit: Include three days' worth of water and food (for humans and pets), batteries,

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General Manager



a flashlight, a first aid kit, medications, cash and other essential items. Also make sure to charge your cell phone and secure or store outdoor items in advance of an approaching storm.

- ➔ Review storm safety tips: Learn how to stay safe through hurricanes and adverse weather on Tri-County EMC's website: [tcemc.com](http://tcemc.com).
- ➔ Connect with us: Stay up-to-date with the latest outage updates and other important information on our social channels at [facebook.com/tricountyemc](https://www.facebook.com/tricountyemc) and [twitter.com/TriCoEMC](https://twitter.com/TriCoEMC).

No matter what this summer has in store, Tri-County EMC is ready to respond, and we encourage you to be prepared, too.



### 2018 Sport-A-Shirt, Share-A-Night

The Employees of Tri-County EMC joined thousands across the state on May 4, 2018, to participate in the Sport-A-Shirt, Share-A-Night fundraising campaign for Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina. The fundraiser is a fun and easy way for the community to "sport" a T-shirt and "share" a night with a family at the Ronald McDonald House. Sport-A-Shirt T-shirts are \$10 each, which is the cost to support a Ronald McDonald House family for one night.

### Metrics of the Month for June

**431,154 hours**

since our last lost time accident



#### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month:

Laundry Tip: Use rubber or wool dryer balls, which help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time. (Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov))

# Tri-County EMC Recognized for Earning Safety Accreditation



Tri-County EMC has received national recognition for its compliance with a comprehensive safety program called the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program (RESAP). The certificate was recently presented to Mike Davis, general manager for Tri-County EMC, at the annual meeting of North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives in Raleigh.

"I am very proud of this accomplishment. It is a positive reflection on all of us and on the safety culture we've established at Tri-County EMC," said Mike Davis, general manager. "All employees at the cooperative help with this process by maintaining compliance with safety regulations,

which makes it a lot easier to achieve accreditation and to complete the long accreditation process."

RESAP is one of the few programs in the country that provides electric cooperatives a management tool for continuous safety and loss control assessment. RESAP was established by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) to strengthen leadership engagement, create a continuous safety improvement plan, and provide honest feedback to support improvement, promote employee involvement, and better enable co-ops to reduce injuries over time.

## Tri-County EMC Awards Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships to Local Middle Schoolers

Tri-County EMC has awarded Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarships that will send two local middle school students to basketball camps this month at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and NC State University in Raleigh.

Kamran Price of Goldsboro has received a scholarship for the Roy Williams Basketball Camp at UNC, and Courtney Humphrey of Kinston

was selected for a scholarship to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at NC State.

At the camps, students stay overnight in campus dorms, learn fundamental basketball and life skills, and receive individual and group instruction from Division 1 coaches. Roy Williams, coach of the Carolina Tar Heel men's basketball team, and Wes Moore, coach of the Wolfpack women's

basketball team, will direct the camps with the help of staff and current and former players.

Tri-County is one of 26 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in North Carolina that collectively award more than 50 sports camp scholarships to students statewide each year.

For more information, visit [tcemc.com](http://tcemc.com) or [ncelectriccooperatives.com/in-the-community/sports-camps/](http://ncelectriccooperatives.com/in-the-community/sports-camps/).

## The Robert S. and Ruby F. Holmes Scholarship

The 2018 recipient, Aurora Whitcomb, is a senior at Southern Wayne High School and daughter of Jessica and Chad Whitcomb, and granddaughter of JB and Sue Smith. She plans to attend ECU and major in nursing.

The Robert S. Holmes Scholarship was established in his memory in 2001. At the passing of their mother, the three children Joseph Holmes, Charlene Willard and Mark Holmes, renamed the scholarship in memory of both parents. Mr. Holmes was

the General Manager of Tri-County EMC from the early 1960s until 1988.

This scholarship is given annually to employees' children or grandchildren. If no one meets the criteria, the scholarship is awarded to a member's child.

Mr. Holmes' son, Mark Holmes of Raleigh, made the presentation of the \$750 scholarship on behalf of his family at the annual scholarship awards banquet.



# TCEMC awards \$28K in scholarships

Tri-County EMC recently honored its 2018 scholarship winners at a dinner held on April 29 at The Big Barn Theatre in Goldsboro, North Carolina. One by one, the recipients were recognized and presented checks by J. Michael Davis, general manager of Tri-County EMC.

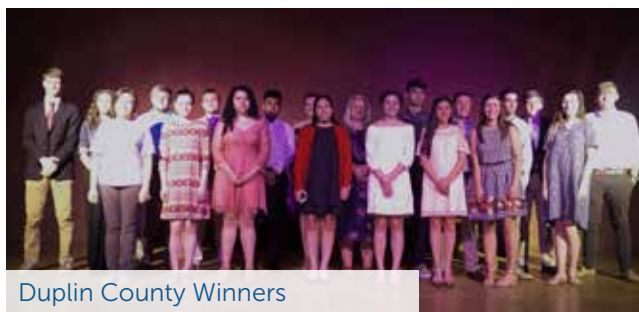
“Awarding scholarships to students in our service area supports this mission of our cooperative, enhancing the communities we serve,” said Davis. “This year marks the 17th consecutive year of providing scholarships to outstanding students.”

A scholarship committee, who evaluated applications based on leadership abilities, academic achievement, financial need and community involvement, selected 57 recipients: 46 local high school seniors received \$500 each towards a four-year college or university of their choice and 11 students received \$250 each towards a community college of their choice.

Since the scholarship program’s inception, Tri-County EMC has awarded more than \$368,250 to high school seniors.

## The winners of the \$500 scholarships are:

Amber Trivette, Wayne Country Day School	Claire Molloy, Eastern Wayne HS
Andrew Shaw, Wayne Country Day School	Colby Bass, North Duplin Jr/Sr HS
Angel Acosta-Garcia, East Duplin HS	Courtney Whitfield, South Lenoir HS
Anna Thornton, North Duplin Jr/Sr HS	Edith Lopez, East Duplin HS
Ashleigh Byrd, South Lenoir HS	Emily Thorne, Charles B. Aycock
Ashleigh Hickman, Spring Creek HS	Esmeralda Vazquez, North Duplin Jr/Sr HS
Ashton Ballard, East Duplin HS	Hallie Rouse, Charles B. Aycock
Aurora Whitcomb, Southern Wayne HS	Hampton Brock, Clinton HS
Avery Bryan, South Lenoir HS	Hannah Lewis, Rosewood HS
Braxton Bland, James Kenan HS	Hannah Neal, Wayne Country Day School
Brenaeya Shaw, James Kenan HS	Howard Caudill, Southern Wayne HS
Cailey Howard, South Lenoir HS	John Casbarro, Southern Wayne HS
Caleb Whitted, Wayne School of Engineering	Juan Jaimes, James Kenan HS
Cameron Miller, East Duplin HS	Lance Jackson, East Duplin HS
Cassidy Hill, South Lenoir HS	Leah Campbell, Charles B. Aycock
Cathryn Jones, Southern Wayne HS	Luke Britt, North Duplin Jr/Sr HS
Christopher Daly, Southern Wayne HS	Madison Jones, Duplin Early College HS
	Madison Stancill, North Lenoir HS
	Michaela Ezzell, South Lenoir HS



Duplin County Winners



Lenoir County Winners



Wayne County Winners

Nicholas Aycock, Charles B. Aycock	Wesley Holmes, East Duplin HS
Rebecca Coor, Southern Wayne HS	William Hatcher, East Duplin HS
Reginald Grayson Strickland, Wayne Country Day School	William Sargeant, North Lenoir HS
Taylor Thompson, North Duplin Jr/Sr HS	Jack Talton, Wayne Country Day School
Timothy Bass, Southern Wayne HS	Yoseph Yan, Eastern Wayne HS

## The winners of the \$250 scholarships are:

Amber Game, Southern Wayne HS	Kassidy Smith, North Lenoir HS
Brett Cox, Southern Wayne HS	Kimberly Stroud, North Duplin Jr/Sr HS
Carly Grantham, Southern Wayne HS	Leslie Outlaw, East Duplin HS
Ciarra Kennedy, East Duplin HS	Nolan Harrell, Charles B. Aycock
Courtney Brock, North Duplin Jr/Sr HS	Sarah Joyner, Southern Wayne HS
	Stephen Lane, Southern Wayne HS



**Tri-County EMC Employees:**  
**Ready To Serve**  
 Glenda Barwick is one of 50 employees ready to serve you. Glenda has worked with Tri-County EMC since October 10, 1977, as an Accountant. Glenda lives in Mount Olive.

## Tri-County EMC Launches Outage Map

Tri-County EMC is making it easier to find out if your neighborhood has an outage and how many people are affected by the outage with the launch of an interactive outage map.

The map displays information around the clock to show which communities are affected by power outages across the electric service territory. In addition, the map also shows the number of affected members and estimated restoration time. The map can be accessed through a smartphone or tablet.

Keeping our members informed

during outages is important,” said Tony Grantham, manager of Engineering. “The last thing we want is for members to be ‘in the dark’ about outages when they happen. Having this real-time information at their fingertips helps empower members during outages. Members, emergency response personnel and the news media may also find this new outage map to be a helpful information resource.”

For more information, visit <https://outage.tcemc.com>.

## Contact Information

Upon request, members will be able to receive outage alerts via text message. There’s just one catch: Tri-County EMC MUST have your up-to-date phone number for this feature to work effectively.

If you’re not certain we have your current phone number in our records, call the co-op’s member services line, (919) 735-2611, to verify or update our account records for you.



Tri-County EMC Membership Corporation in Dudley, N.C., was chartered May 8, 1940.

**We are here to serve you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.**

**For Outages or Emergencies:**  
 919-735-2611 or  
 1-800-548-4869

**[tcemc.com](http://tcemc.com)**

### Mission Statement:

Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation is a member-driven cooperative committed to providing reliable electric power at a reasonable cost, to offering superior service, and to taking an active role in supporting the communities it serves.

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