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Manager's Message: Unplug to be More Connected

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General Manager



“Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.” Author Anne Lamott cleverly captures the benefits of unplugging in today’s device-driven, multi-tasking world. Keeping up with work, family and school activities or the latest trends on social media makes most of us feel compelled to constantly check our devices.

Summer is a great time to take a family vacation, but it’s also a good opportunity to unplug from our devices and enjoy the great outdoors with family and friends. Research has shown that we all need downtime after a busy day to recharge—even though we may resist it. Take a moment to slow down and enjoy some peaceful hours away from technology.

While you’re unplugging from your devices, take a look around your home to identify electronics that consume energy even when they are not in use (this is known as “vampire” energy loss). TVs, gaming consoles, phone chargers and computers are some of the biggest culprits.

If your summer plans include a staycation, take time to recharge your relationships and be more present with those you love. Stop by the Farm Credit Farmers Market located at the Maxwell Center in Goldsboro for fresh local produce or visit the beautiful Cliffs of the Neuse State Park for a

fun day filled with hiking, fishing or canoeing. Enjoy our beautiful surroundings with your family and friends.

Speaking of spending time outdoors, you can also enjoy energy savings by incorporating LED products and fixtures for outdoor use, such as pathway, step and porch lights. Many include features like automatic daylight shut-off and motion sensors. You can also find solar-powered lighting for outdoor spaces.

Save energy by keeping warm summer air outside where it belongs. Add caulk or weather stripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows. You can also employ a programmable thermostat to adjust the settings a few degrees higher when no one is home.

In our connected world, we have forgotten how to slow down. We multitask and text. We check email, then voicemail, then Facebook. Do yourself and your family a favor. Put down the device and smell the fresh air.

While Tri-County EMC can’t help you recharge your relationships, we can help you save money and energy by connecting you with our energy-saving programs and services. When you do plug back in, we’re just a call or click away.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month:

Want to light up your outdoor space without increasing your energy use? Try outdoor solar lights! They’re easy to install and virtually maintenance free.

Remember, solar lights work best when the solar cells receive the manufacturer’s recommended hours of sunlight.

Source: energy.gov

TCEMC Awards \$27K in Scholarships

Tri-County EMC recently honored their 2019 scholarship winners at a dinner held on April 28 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.

Recipients received words of encouragement from guest speakers Taylor Coates, TCEMC Serviceman; Kourtney Humphrey, TCEMC member services rep; and David Thornton, TCEMC engineer.

“We are extremely proud of these students,” said Mike Davis, general manager of Tri-County EMC. “We

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Left to right: David Thornton, TCEMC engineer; Kourtney Humphrey, TCEMC member services rep; and Taylor Coates, TCEMC serviceman, were featured guest speakers at TCEMC annual scholarship banquet.



Landon Stroud and Smith Stroud received certificates for lineman boots for their enrollment to the Electrical Line Academy Program at Nash Community College.

The winners of the \$500 scholarships are:

Abigail Ormond East Carolina University	Faith Mitchell UNC-Chapel Hill	Jacob Hinson NC State University	Kayla Overcash East Carolina University	Marlena Price East Carolina University	Shayne Rowe East Carolina University
Amber Pfenning Liberty University	Gavin Sexton NC State University	Jasmine D. Savage UNC-Greensboro	Kiana Davis Johnson and Wales University	Mikayla Price East Carolina University	Thurston Cooper Edmondson IV NC State University
Anaya Evans UNC-Charlotte	Gracey Justice UNC-Wilmington	Jensen Barwick Barton College	Lilly Wooten UNC-Wilmington	Miracle Tann UNC-Greensboro	Tyler King University of Mount Olive
Deondra Jones UNC-Wilmington	Harley Roberson University of Mount Olive	Joseph Stauffer NC State University	Mackenzie Bryan William Peace University	Molli Sholar East Carolina University	Zachary Aldridge Barton College
Diamond Hall UNC-Greensboro	Hayden Lee University of Mount Olive	Kailey Kennedy Appalachian State University	Madeline Agner UNC-Chapel Hill	Nathalie Uriarte-Ayala UNC-Chapel Hill	Zack Jenkins University of Mount Olive
Dynasty Player NC A&T University	Hope Mitchell UNC-Chapel Hill	Karleigh Byrd UNC-Wilmington	Makayla Newberne NC A&T University	Nicole Garcia-Cortez UNC-Chapel Hill	Zahrea Smith UNC-Wilmington
Emily Honn University of Mount Olive	Itzel Montes-Ruiz UNC-Chapel Hill	Kasey Vann East Carolina University	Malia McKay Campbell University	Rayanna Koch University of Mount Olive	
Emily Stratton NC State University		Katlyn Foy NC State University		Robert Dawson NC State University	

The winners of the \$250 scholarships are:

Adam Grady Wayne Community College	Hailey Antiquina Wayne Community College	Kelly Dail Wayne Community College	Michaela Jones James Sprunt Community College
Alanna Outlaw Wayne Community College	Haley Grady James Sprunt Community College	Kylee Tyndall Wayne Community College	Randi Dawn Anderson Brunswick Community College
Betty Caroline Summerlin Wayne Community College	Hannah Brogden Wayne Community College	Landon Stroud Nash Community College	Smith Stroud Nash Community College
Cithaly Vera-Sanchez Wayne Community College	Joanna Flores Wayne Community College	Madison Heath Lenoir Community College	Tanner Mobley Lenoir Community College
Danny Capps Wayne Community College	John Norton Wayne Community College	Marlea Hughes Wake Technical Community College	Tyler Jenkins Lenoir Community College

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expect them to go on and do great things, for themselves, their families and their community.”

Sixty-four recipients were selected by a scholarship committee who evaluated applications based on leadership abilities, academic achievement, financial need and community involvement. Forty-four local high school seniors received \$500 each towards a four-year college or university of their choice and 20 students received \$250 each towards a community college of their choice.

In addition to students receiving scholarships, Tri-County EMC presented two lineman boot certificates to Landon Stroud and Smith Stroud of South Lenoir High School. Landon and Smith will attend Nash Community College’s Electric Line Construction Academy Program.

Tri-County EMC awarded its first scholarships in 2001. Since that first year, TCEMC has awarded 921 scholarships totaling \$395,250.



Wayne County Winners



Duplin County Winners



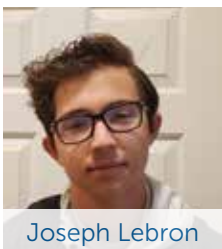
Lenoir County Winners



Tiffany Taylor



Katherine Grantham



Joseph Lebron

Local Students Participate in Youth Tour

The 2019 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is happening this month! Collectively, North Carolina’s 26 electric cooperatives are sending 47 high-school students to Washington, D.C., where they will join more than 1,800 students from across the country for an immersive, week-long tour.

Tri-County EMC has chosen three students to represent our cooperative on the June 15-21 tour, which will give them the chance to participate in leadership training, meet with elected officials, network with their peers and explore Washington, D.C.

Tiffany Taylor, Katherine Grantham and Joseph LeBron will attend this year’s Youth Tour.

Tiffany Taylor, a student of Spring Creek High School, is the daughter of Aaron and Penelope Taylor. She is a member of the National Honor’s Society, Soccer, Tennis and Varsity/Junior Cheerleading Team. Katherine Grantham, a student of Rosewood High School, is the daughter of Tony and Pam Grantham. She is a member of the National Honor’s Society, Tennis and Dance Team. Joseph Lebron, a student of Spring Creek High School, is the son of Jonathan and Annette LeBron.

He is member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Soccer and Tennis Teams.

“The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students from North Carolina, and we’re proud to send our best and brightest to Washington, D.C. this year to participate,” said Deidra Locklear, manager of Marketing and Communications. “Our representatives will gain a first-hand understanding of the legislative process and make connections with others from across the country that will last a lifetime. Our youth are our future, and Tri-County EMC is committed to providing opportunities for students by continuing the Youth Tour tradition.”

In addition to receiving an all-expense-paid trip to our nation’s capital, Youth Tour delegates are also eligible to apply for several college scholarships and the opportunity to represent North Carolina on the Youth Leadership Council, which is a national cooperative program that seeks to develop strong leadership, presentation and advocacy skills in America’s most promising young leaders.

Students interested in learning more about next year’s Youth Tour should contact Deidra Locklear, 919-735-2611 or visit tcemc.com.

Tri-County EMC Awards Basketball Camp Scholarship to Local Middle Student

Tri-County EMC has awarded a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarship that will send one local middle school student to basketball camp this month at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Luke Kelly, a student of Grantham Middle School, has received a



Luke Kelly

scholarship for the Roy Williams Basketball Camp at UNC. Luke is the son of Ralph and Jaime Kelly of Mount Olive. "Tri-County EMC is pleased

to reward Luke's hard work with this opportunity to experience life on a college campus and to receive training from one of the ACC's finest coaches," said Deidra Locklear, manager of Marketing and Communications at Tri-County EMC. "This camp develops fundamental skills that help young athletes excel both on and off the court. We're delighted to have Luke represent our co-op."

At the camp, students stay overnight in campus dorms and receive individual and group instruction from coaches and players.

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



Tri-County EMC Employees: Ready To Serve

Sean Sullivan is one of 46 employees ready to serve you. Sean began working with Tri-County EMC on March 21, 1994, as a serviceman and is now a member services representative for the cooperative. Sean resides in Mount Olive with his wife, Marsha.

For more information about Touchstone Energy Sports Camps, please visit tccmc.com or ncelectriccooperatives.com/sports-camps.

2019 Sport-A-Shirt, Share-A-Night

Tri-County EMC employees joined thousands across the state on May 3, 2019, to participate in the Sport-A-Shirt, Share-A-Night fundraising campaign for Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina. The Sport-A-Shirt, Share-A-Night 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.



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