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Tri-County Purchases Mobile Substation

When it comes to providing reliable electric service to more than 25,000 meters across seven counties, substations are critical components in the process. When a substation transformer fails, power could be lost to thousands of homes and businesses.

Tri-County EMC has purchased a mobile substation to use in maintenance and emergency situations. The new mobile substation has increased functionality from the previous model by adding high and medium voltage protection.

"Should a substation fail, the mobile unit can be moved into place within hours, assume the substation's load, and allow for careful inspection and permanent repair while service remains intact," said Tony Grantham, the cooperative's manager of engineering.

Seated on a 60-foot semi-trailer, the mobile substation consists of a 15MVA transformer protected by a Siemens



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115 kV breaker. The low-side exit that distributes power to TCEMC feeder lines will be protected by a Siemens 15 kV breaker. These components are all monitored by modern microprocessor-controlled relays.

As Tri-County EMC advances toward our goal of complete member satisfaction, we are constantly improving safety, reliability, and efficiency in our work practices.



Fireworks Safety Tips

Fireworks and the Fourth of July go hand-in-hand, and we want you to have a safe, fun-filled celebration! About two-thirds of all fireworks-related injuries occur between June 16 and July 16, so keep these safety tips in mind:

- ➔ Make sure fireworks are legal in your community before using them.
- ➔ Never buy professional-grade fireworks. They are not designed for safe consumer use.
- ➔ Keep pets indoors and away from fireworks to avoid contact injuries or noise reactions.
- ➔ Keep small children a safe distance from all fireworks, including sparklers, which can burn at temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees.
- ➔ Never reignite or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby to thoroughly soak duds before throwing them away.

Tri-County Takes It to the Green for TCEMC Scholarships

Tri-County EMC hosted its 10th annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on May 14, 2021, at Southern Wayne Country Club.

The 18-hole, four-man tournament hosted 48 teams. The event kicked off with a welcome from TCEMC general manager Mike Davis. Throughout the day, golfers had the opportunity to participate in activities such as the longest drive contest and closest to the pin contest.

“This was our most successful year,” said Mike Davis, Tri-County EMC general manager. “We had a total 226 hole sponsors and raised \$36,000 to benefit our scholarship

program. “We owe a lot to all of our sponsors for their commitment to our tournament. We also appreciate the dedication and hard work from the employees of Tri-County EMC,” Davis added.

Morning players enjoyed McDonald’s biscuits for breakfast, and both morning and afternoon players enjoyed a box lunch from Firehouse Subs. Tri-County EMC employees thanks this year’s individuals and companies who sponsored a hole or entered a team in the 10th Annual Tri-County Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Golf Tournament Winners

MORNING

1st Place, 1st Flight: East Coast Logging & Timber

Nicholas Sholar, Patrick Raynor, Tim Sinclair & Stan Stafford



East Coast Logging & Timber

2nd Place, 1st Flight: Nutrien Solutions

Charlie Smyth, Jeff Racey, Wade Teague & Kevin Fowler



Nutrien Solutions

1st Place, 2nd Flight: Lee Electrical

Jerry Lee, Todd Kanter, Bill Hart & Pat Howle



Lee Electrical

2nd Place, 2nd Flight: Buckhorn Vegetation

Chad Davis, Billy Holland, Gary Emery & Zane Davis

Closest to the Pin: Brent Grantham, Kevin Fowler

Longest Drive: Jim Sparks

AFTERNOON

1st Place, 1st Flight: Asphalt Services

Tyler Perry, Brock Johnson, Ryan Faucette & Kevin Johnson



Asphalt Services

2nd Place, 1st Flight: Landscape Design of Goldsboro

Mark Whitley, Joel Whitley, Greg Rhodes & Matt Sullivan



Landscape Design of Goldsboro

1st Place, 2nd Flight: Best Gas & Grill

Ray Best, Will Best, Charles Hansen & James Allen



Best Gas & Grill

2nd Place, 2nd Flight: Bushwackers

Charles Pate, Brad Thigpen, Jeremy Whitfield & Sean Sullivan



Bushwackers

Closest to the Pin: Ben King, Andrew Ingham

Longest Drive: Kyle Best

TCEMC awards \$26K in scholarships

Tri-County EMC recently honored its 2021 scholarship winners at a floating awards banquet on May 17, 2021, at Tri-County EMC corporate office in Dudley, North Carolina. Social distancing practices were in place and students and their families received their awards and ice cream scoops from Kendall’s Creamery of Goldsboro.

“The past year has been a difficult year for our members and our country as a whole because of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Mike Davis, Tri-County EMC general manager. “Many people have faced hardships and losses, but we’re proud that these young people continued to work

hard in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities. It’s an honor to recognize their achievements with these scholarships.”

Forty-six local high school seniors received \$500 each towards a four-year college or university of their choice; nine students received \$250 each towards a community college of their choice; and one non-traditional student, Brittany Holder, received \$400 towards the East Carolina University.

Tri-County EMC awarded its first scholarships in 2001. Since that first year, TCEMC has awarded 977 scholarships totaling \$420,900.

The winners of the \$500 scholarships are:

Alicia Dixon.....	NC A&T
Anderson Wood.....	NC State University
Andrew Smith.....	NC State University
Anna Kierski.....	University of Notre Dame
Anne Stuart Freemon.....	UNC-Chapel Hill
Anthony Williams.....	University of Mount Olive
Ashlynn Holloman.....	East Carolina University
Aubrey Bowens.....	University of Mount Olive
Ava Dorothy Hall.....	UNC-Chapel Hill
Brady Johnson.....	East Carolina University
Brian Martinez-Gonzalez.....	NC State University
Callie Thornton.....	Coker University
Carly Hooks.....	East Carolina University
Caroline Smith.....	UNC-Chapel Hill
Carson Daly.....	Campbell University
Carter Lewis.....	Campbell University
Delaney Mobley.....	East Carolina University
Dessa Houston.....	Louisburg College
George Elwood Garner IV.....	High Point University
Hannah Cox.....	Montclair State University
Hiwot Shaw.....	Duke University
Jasmin Hernandez.....	UNC-Wilmington
Johnna Stroud.....	East Carolina University
Justin Ratliff.....	NC State University
Karsyn Westerbeek.....	NC State University
Kayley Merritt.....	NC State University
Kyleigh Grady.....	UNC-Wilmington
Lauren Watkins.....	UNC-Chapel Hill
Mackenzie Marshburn.....	Western Carolina University
Mackenzie Rouse.....	Appalachian State University
Macy Lee-Ann Parkhurst.....	University of Mount Olive
Madelyn Sasser.....	UNC-Chapel Hill
Matthew Evans.....	NC State University
Morgan Grace Kennedy.....	UNC-Chapel Hill
Myasia Jackson.....	NC State University
Noah Shaw.....	High Point University
Reena Jaye Parris.....	NC State University
Robert Holland.....	Campbell University
Ryan Norton.....	NC State University
Sarah Howell.....	Campbell University
Suzanne Jarman.....	NC State University
Sydney Sasser.....	UNC-Chapel Hill
Taylor Fussell.....	East Carolina University
Taylor Thigpen.....	East Carolina University
Tiffany Outlaw.....	East Carolina University
William Gage Outlaw.....	East Carolina University

The winners of the \$250 scholarships are:

Emma Gause.....	Coastal Carolina Community College
Hannah Ball.....	Lenoir Community College
Ivey Cashwell.....	Wayne Community College
Jaylen Anderson.....	Wayne Community College
Mallory Herring.....	Wayne Community College
Reagan Dawson.....	Lenoir Community College
Samantha Beavers.....	Wayne Community College
Thomas Kelly.....	James Sprunt Community College
Maggie Lanier.....	Lenoir Community College

The Robert S. and Ruby F. Holmes Scholarship

The 2021 recipients of the Robert S. and Ruby F. Holmes Scholarship are Anderson Wood, Jaylen Anderson and Samantha Beavers. Each recipient received a \$250 scholarship.

Anderson Wood, a senior at Midway High School, is the son of Michael and Cynthia Wood. He will be attending North Carolina State University in the fall.

Jaylen Anderson, a senior at Southern Wayne High School, is the son of Angela Anderson. He will be attending Wayne Community College in the fall.

Samantha Beavers, a senior at North Duplin High School, is the daughter of Andy and Billie Jo Beavers. She will attend Wayne Community College in the fall.

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 this criteria, the scholarship is awarded to a member’s child.



Anderson Wood



Jaylen Anderson



Samantha Beavers

MEMBER RELEASES BOOK: "With Her Hands"

"The story gives details of intimate moments I experienced personally, as one of my mother's caretakers, while she experienced challenges with illness," says Kittrell. "Included are inserts from my personal journal I kept during a fragile, yet precious time in her life, and her legacy as a sharecropper's wife. My siblings, relatives and I were blessed to have had a mother who was hard-working, and at the same time, took care of her husband, children, family, friends, and neighbors. I honor her in this reading by reflecting on my childhood experiences, and what she represented in my world as a child."

Kittrell is the pastor of Perfecting Family and Friends Worship Ministries. "With Her Hands" is available for purchase through email eunesiadanielle@gmail.com, for \$15. When emailing to purchase book please include name, shipment address and telephone number.



Tri-County EMC member Jean Kittrell from La Grange released a book entitled, "With Her Hands."



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

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.

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

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Employee of the month



Denise Simmons

Denise Simmons is one of 50 employees ready to serve you. Denise has worked with Tri-County since Aug. 24, 1992, and serves as the Billing Clerk for the cooperative. Denise and her family reside in Mount Olive.