

Along the LINE

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For members of
Edgecombe-Martin County EMC



2021 Annual Meeting Business Session

Join us for the 85th Annual Meeting of Members

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC invites members to our 85th Annual Meeting, Thursday, March 24, 2022, at the Cooperative from 11:00 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of Members is designed to deliver information to the membership concerning state and national issues that affect the co-op, financial data from the previous year, and our financial outlook for the year ahead.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will hold another drive-thru annual meeting. Members will be directed to stations throughout the parking lot to conduct meeting business. Members will be registered and receive the following: a copy of the annual report, a ballot, attendance gift, and plate to-go.

Members will be able to complete and turn in their ballots and will be entered in the prize drawing and you do not have to be present to win.

Please enter through the receiving entrance. The drive-thru will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and you may attend anytime during those hours.

The business session will begin at 6:00 p.m. Those who wish to attend the business session will have the option to park your car and listen to the business session from your radio. For those who do not wish to stay for the business session we will Facebook Live this event.



You can make an impact at the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina by donating items on the House's wish list at our Annual Meeting.

Please remember the House is just like your home and can use many of the same items you use each day.

For the health and safety of House guests and volunteers, items should be new. Due to stringent health codes, please do not forget to check expiration dates.

Listed below are the most needed items at the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina.

- **Pudding Cups**
- **Fruit Cups**
- **Sweetner Packets**
- **Microwave Popcorn**
- **30 Gallon Black Trash Bags**
- **Newborn and Size 1 Diapers**

First Responder and Farm Safety Training

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will host a First Responder and Farm Safety Training on Thursday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m.

This training is provided at no cost by Edgecombe-Martin County EMC. Edgecombe-Martin County EMC understands the importance of teaching electrical safety.

The goal of our First Responders and Farm Safety Electrical Hazards Training is to help first responders and farm equipment operators work safely in emergency situations where electric utility lines are involved. Firefighters, police, EMTs and others who are typically first on the scene in an emergency face the greatest risk from electrical contacts and fires.

It's also important that those who live and work on farms know the risks and understand how they can

unknowingly come into contact with electricity. Understanding the potential dangers and learning how to deal with them correctly makes everyone safer. The training is intended for all first responders and farm equipment operators and will cover a variety of electrical hazards that you could encounter.

Dinner will be provided. Please take advantage of this opportunity to



update your department's training. RSVP to Monica Speight at 252-641-9502 or monicas@ememc.com. Please provide an estimated number of attendees by Friday, February 4.

Middle Schoolers: Dont Miss the Opportunity To Apply For a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship to Attend Basketball Camp

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will select one young man for a scholarship to attend the Carolina Basketball School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and one local young woman for the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

The scholarships cover all expenses at the overnight camps, which provide a glimpse into life on a college campus. These camps will take place in June 2022.

To apply, students must be a rising sixth or seventh grade. Applicants will be judged on their academics, extracurricular activities and an essay.



Touchstone Energy®
**Sports Camp
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The application period begins in January and applications must be submitted by March 31. To learn more about the camps and apply, visit ncelectriccooperatives.com/sports-camps or contact Monica Speight at 252-641-9502 or monicas@ememc.com.

While our priority is always to provide safe, affordable and reliable electricity, there is another equally important part of this equation—your well-being, and that of the larger community that we serve. To us, you are not just a customer; you are a member of our co-op.

1. We love serving our members because without you, the co-op wouldn't exist. Our purpose is to provide you with safe, affordable and reliable electricity. Simply put, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC exists to serve you. That's why we were formed in 1936—to bring power to our local area when for-profit utilities would not.

2. You enable us to complete our mission by supporting our efforts to give back. A major part of our mission is to serve our community and look after the greater good. With your assistance, we're able to help the most vulnerable members of our community through food and toy drives and programs like Operation Round-Up that help local families pay their energy bills when times are tough.

3. Members of our co-op also serve on the board of directors. They provide guidance for setting co-op priorities and helping make big decisions. Because our board members live in the area, they're able to serve as the pulse of the larger community and identify immediate and long-term needs. The broader co-op membership provides helpful input through their vote on director elections and by weighing in on co-op and community issues.

4. You help us get it right. Edgecombe-Martin County EMC members are great about keeping us in the know. We do our best to avoid power outages, but Mother Nature can occasionally throw us a curveball; our members are quick to report any power disruptions and are patient as our crews work to safely restore power. We know outages are frustrating, and your support as we work through storms means so much

to our employees. We also appreciate your feedback on co-op programs and services that we offer. Your opinions are critical for the co-op's success, and we thank you for that.

5. You and other Edgecombe-Martin County EMC members make up the community we serve—and for us, it's all about community. Our employees live and work here too and care about our community the same way you do. We're invested and work to help it thrive. That's why Edgecombe-Martin County EMC donates to local charities, schools, and scholarship funds. It's also why we invest in economic development, and why you'll see our employees volunteering at local schools and other charitable and community endeavors.

As a co-op, our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community and look after its long-term interests. We love serving our members and our local community, and just like you, want to see it continue to thrive.

Cooperatively,

Winston Howell

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Welcome Bailey and Carter as Apprentice Line Technician Interns

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC recently welcomed Matthew Bailey and Colby Carter as Apprentice Line Technician Interns.

Bailey graduated from the Martin Community College Electric Line Construction Technology program. In his spare time he enjoys hunting and spending time with family and friends.

Carter graduated from Nash Community College Electric Line Construction Technology program. In his spare time he enjoys being outdoors and hunting and fishing.

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is thankful for the opportunity to work with the Martin and Nash Community College Electric Line Construction Technology programs over the last several years. These internships play a dual role by giving the interns valuable on-the-job training with many opportunities while allowing the Cooperative to prepare for future



Matthew Bailey (left) and Colby Carter

staffing needs. We welcome them both to their new positions at the co-op!

2021 Years of Service

Every year, the co-op celebrates service and safety years in five-year increments. Congratulations to the following employees for years of service milestones in 2021.

This year, there were 5 employees honored for years of service, with a combined total of 135 years of service to the membership.

We thank these employees for their commitment to our cooperative and area communities, and the role each person at Edgecombe-Martin County EMC plays in providing our members with safe, reliable and affordable electric service.

Those with 35 years of service are Eddie Stocks and John Abrams. Marking the 25-year milestone is Michael Harrell. Hitting the 20-year mark is Melissa Taylor and Melinda Nimmo.



Left to right: Melinda Nimmo, Melissa Taylor, Michael Harrell and Eddie Stocks

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