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Golf Tournament Raises Funds for 4-H Programs

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC helped raise funds to support the Edgecombe County 4-H program on May 13 by hosting the 19th Annual 4-H Golf Tournament. Fifteen teams participated in this year's tournament at the Links at Cotton Valley in Tarboro. Lamar Advertising was the winning team at this year's tournament, with Cox Industries and Speight's Hardwood coming in second and third place, respectively. Through the generous support of our local sponsors and tournament participants, the co-op was able to present 4-H with a \$6,000 check. Edgecombe County 4-H will use these funds for various 4-H activities during the year.

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC and the Edgecombe-County 4-H program greatly appreciate the support of the local organizations and the community in order to make the tournament successful every year.

Next year's tournament will also be held in May, and we hope that you will join us in supporting our local 4-H program.



(L-R) Phillip Spivey, Travis Davenport, Daniel Claytor and Mike Cherry shot a 20-under 50.3(net) to secure first place in the 2015 Edgecombe-Martin County EMC 4-H Golf Tournament on May 13 at the Links at Cotton Valley.

Summer Temps Equal Higher Bills for Most

Summer temperatures have moved in and most of us are trying to find any way possible to stay cool. Most members can expect to start seeing their bills increase as their air conditioners run longer and harder to beat the heat. It is recommended that you keep your thermostat set at 78 degrees when your HVAC system is set to cool in order to keep energy consumption as low as possible.

Contrary to popular belief, increasing and decreasing the setting on your thermostat daily usually does not save you money. It is best to keep your thermostat set at one temperature on a daily basis. Only increase the setting on your thermostat during the summer months if you plan on being away from your home for several days at a time.

Last Chance To Apply for Noel Lee, Jr. Memorial Scholarships

The deadline for all Noel Lee, Jr. Memorial Scholarship applications is quickly approaching. All applications must be received online through our website or dropped-off at our office by July 18, 2015. Scholarships are offered to members of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC who plan to complete a one or two-year vocational/technical/community college program of study. The technical school or community college must be accredited in North Carolina.

These scholarships give prospective students the opportunity to further their education so they can acquire new skills and knowledge to improve their livelihood.

Scholarships will be awarded at the beginning of the Fall 2015 semester. You can access, complete, and submit applications online at www.ememc.com. If you wish to receive an application form by mail, please call Monica Speight at (252) 641-9502.

The Noel Lee, Jr. Memorial Scholarships are made possible through the dedicated work of the Volunteer Action Committee of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC and other private donations. The Volunteer Action Committee helps raise funds for the scholarship by selling desserts and raffling off various items at the Annual Meeting of Members each year.



Helping Seniors Beat The Heat

There are several programs that Edgecombe-Martin County EMC helps administer or fund in some way on an annual basis that we believe provide a direct benefit to the members and communities that we serve. One of those ongoing programs is the Seniors Heat Relief Program that is administered by Edgecombe County Office on Aging.

This year the co-op donated \$500 to the Edgecombe County Office of Aging to help purchase box fans for the program. The fans are available to individuals age 60 or older and they must be a resident of Edgecombe County. Fans can be obtained while supplies last by calling the Edgecombe County Office on Aging at 641-5831. A driver's license or other valid form of photo identification must be shown to verify age and documentation showing proof of residence in Edgecombe County will also be needed.



Eddie Stocks, V.P. of Member and Industrial Development, presents Deborah Coley of the Edgecombe County Office on Aging with a check for \$500 to help purchase box fans for the Seniors Heat Relief Program.

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC also provides education material, free to the public in the form of booklets and pamphlets, on keeping cool and conserving energy during the summer months. If you are interested in obtaining any of this material please call 1-800-445-6486 or write to: Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, P.O. Box 188, Tarboro, NC 27886.



HOLIDAY CLOSING

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

Payments after office hours and on holidays can be made at the kiosk under the drive thru canopy, by calling our automated telephone service at 1-855-356-6358, placed in the night deposit box or you may choose to utilize the convenience of online bill-pay by logging on to www.ememc.com.

To report a loss of power or an emergency after hours, please call 1-800-690-0657.

The Kenan Fellows Program

Kenan Fellows is a teaching fellowship through N.C. State University that boosts teachers' STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education in K-12 classrooms with professional development workshops and "internships," or experiential learning opportunities.

The Kenan Fellows Program pairs teachers with mentors in research and industry settings to gain insight into how STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects can be relevant to students. Through a year



Leigh Ann Hudson of Riverside High School in Martin County will be spending her summer at Edgecombe-Martin County EMC as an intern for the Kenan Fellows Program.

of professional development and leadership training, educators selected to become Kenan Fellows use real-world experiences to help students see how their lessons apply in their world. Students also become informed about local job opportunities and careers in STEM-related fields.

"We have thousands of excellent teachers

leading classrooms across North Carolina today, and by supporting and rewarding our educators, we can entice the best and brightest North Carolina has to offer to enter the great and noble profession of teaching." Governor Pat McCrory said.

After a competitive application process, Leigh Ann Hudson of Riverside High has been selected for a summer long internship through the Kenan Fellows Program with Edgecombe-Martin County EMC and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation. The mission of the Kenan Fellows Program is "to enhance curriculum relevance for the benefit of all students." Selected fellows must submit a project proposal and develop lessons for students.

Leigh Ann will spend her internship learning various aspects of the electric cooperative business, through line work, collection of payments from members in the office, learning about capital credits, economic development, touring a gas-fired power plant and even a nuclear plant partially owned by the cooperative. Hudson states: "I am very excited to be a Kenan Fellow and learn more about electricity as it is generated and distributed to members. This internship will allow me to bring real-life lessons into my classroom and help students choose careers that are local and stable."



Edgecombe-Martin County EMC believes in supporting educational endeavors that have a direct impact on our member's children. The Kenan Fellows Program is an excellent example of a program that will have a direct impact on a large number of students within our service territory.

Your cooperatives support of this program is just one more way we strive to make a positive impact on our member's quality of life and our children's exposure to better learning opportunities.

Edgecombe-Martin is excited to have this opportunity to assist in this excellent program.

Cooperatively Yours,

Monica Speight

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Researchers Predict Less Active Hurricane Season

The scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are predicting the 2015 Atlantic hurricane seasons to be one of the least active in decades. NOAA's 2015 Atlantic hurricane season outlook calls for 3 to 6 hurricanes, with 1 becoming a major storm. A major storm is a Category 3 or higher.

The Atlantic basin tropical cyclone activity is forecasted to be about 20% below the 1950-2014 long-term norm and about 30% below the recent 10-year norm.

Although the less-active prediction is promising, scientist warn that you should not become complacent due to the prediction. You should always make plans and prepare ahead of time for a major storm so you are not caught off guard. Take time to lay out a hurricane plan and gather the necessary supplies to keep you safe.

2015 Atlantic Hurricanes

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Teachers! Submit Your Grant Before the Early Bird Deadline



**BRIGHT
IDEAS**

There is no better time to brainstorm your Bright Ideas grant into existence than over your summer break! In fact, there are five \$100 VISA gift cards waiting for lucky teachers from across North Carolina that submit an application before the **“Early Bird” deadline on August 14.**

If you're a K-12 grade teacher and have an idea you think would help make learning in your classroom more fun, go to www.ncbrightideas.com and submit your Bright Ideas application online. The website offers grant writing tips and describes some previous grants that have been funded across the state. Each year, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC funds creative grants that help teachers implement savvy ideas into their classrooms.

So teachers, do your students a favor and don't let this summer pass without letting us here about your creative project. Who knows, you could be one of this year's Bright Ideas grant winners, but you must submit your application before it's too late!