

Along the LINE

NOVEMBER 2022

For members of
Edgecombe-Martin County EMC



Shooting for a Cause

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC's First Sporting Clays 4-H Tournament was held on Sept. 16 at Rose Hill Shooting Plantation.

Thank you to all our generous sponsors and the great shooters who came out to support our 4-H fundraiser.

The first place team winner was Nash County Sheriff's Department with Zack Johnson, Hunter Rackley, Brandon Baugham and Brooks Heath. Second place was Edgecombe County Sheriff's Department with Jason Dawes, Brandon Anderson, Jay Horton and T.J. Pittman. Third place was National Land Reality with Blake Fleming, Thomas Hardison, Justin Francis, and Chad Bryant. The individual winners were first place, Tim Kesler, second place Blake Fleming, and third place Jason Dawes.

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC greatly appreciates the support of local organizations and the community in order to make the fundraiser successful every year.



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Holiday Closing

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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 ememc.com

To report a emergency after hours, please call 1-800-690-0657.

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If you want to track and manage your electric consumption even before you are billed for it, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC puts the power in your hands with SmartHub.

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To set up usage alerts go to "Manage Notifications." From there, create a usage alert to receive an email when you use more or less than a set amount of electricity. Thresholds are customizable.



Toy Drive Underway For "My Sisters House" Organization

You can bring your donations to our office from now until Thursday, Dec. 8.

My Sisters House is a nonprofit organization that provides support services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault services in Nash and Edgecombe counties.

We are collecting any new unwrapped toys for children (infant to 12 years of age).

There will be a collection table in the lobby of our main building for you to safely drop-off items during business hours. For other drop-offs or concerns, contact Monica Speight at 252-641-9502.



Edgecombe-Martin County EMC awarded approximately \$10,000 in Bright Ideas education grants to 9 local teachers to fund creative, engaging projects for their students. More than 500 students at schools in Edgecombe, Martin and Pitt counties will benefit from these grants.

"Teachers have amazing, creative ideas for educating students but often do not have the resources to make those ideas come to life," said Monica Speight, manager of Communication. "The enthusiasm and dedication of educators never ceases to amaze us, and we are proud to support their efforts."

This year's local Bright Ideas grant winners are:

- James Guy – Edgecombe Early College
- Kimberly Long – Edgecombe Early College
- Brittany White – Edgecombe Early College
- Sara Trinidad – Edgecombe Early College
- Kelly Jones – Edgecombe Early College
- MaLisa Jessie – Stokes Elementary
- Hope Thomas – North East Carolina Prep
- April Joyner – Riverside High School
- Tammy Jones – Rodgers Elementary

Bright Ideas was created to support local teachers and provide funding for innovative and effective classroom curriculum. We strive to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve, and we believe a great place to start is in the classroom.

Grants are awarded for projects in all subject areas, such as music, art, history, reading, science, math and more. Bright Ideas grants support local teachers with creative ideas to increase innovation, expand learning opportunities and enhance student success in K-12 classrooms.

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is one of 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina offering Bright Ideas grants to local teachers. Since 1994, North Carolina's electric cooperatives collectively have awarded more than \$14 million in Bright Ideas funding for over 13,500 projects supporting teachers and benefitting more than 2.5 million students.

The Bright Ideas grant program is part of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC's ongoing commitment to building a brighter future through support of education.

Bright Ideas grant applications are accepted by Edgecombe-Martin County EMC each year from April through mid-September, and winning proposals are selected in a competitive evaluation process by a panel of judges. The application process will reopen for interested teachers in April 2023.

Follow Edgecombe-Martin County EMC at @Edgecombe-Martin on Facebook and Instagram to see how programs, such as Bright Ideas, are impacting local students and communities. To learn more about Bright Ideas grants, visit ncbrightideas.com or follow the program @NCBrightIdeas on Facebook and Twitter.

Cooperatively,

Monica Speight

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Bright Ideas Winner Hope Thomas at North East Carolina Prep with Executive Director Mark Cockrell, CEO Winston Howell and Principal Fate Franks.

Touch-A-Truck

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC attended the Touch-A-Truck event at Grace Family Fellowship in Robersonville.

Touch A Truck is a family-friendly event that offers children and adults a hands-on opportunity to explore a variety of trucks and meet the people who build, protect, and serve our community.

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC took their bucket truck, electric vehicle (Tesla Model 3), and their table top high voltage demonstration. Guests were able to climb aboard, ask questions and learn from the employees who use the vehicles every day.



November Rights-of-Way Schedule

In order to provide safe, reliable electrical service, we maintain the rights-of-way under and around our power lines. We do this through rights-of-way and vegetation management. This requires pruning, removing, and cutting brush to prevent vegetation from interrupting your electric service.



Throughout November, Xylem Tree experts and Asplundh will be trimming in Rocky Mount in the Hillsdale Community, Leggett Road, Springfield Road and various hotspots on the system.

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