



# Connection

Communicating local energy news to Four County Electric members

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## A New and Convenient Payment Option

**F**our County EMC is excited to announce the installation of two bill payment kiosks! The new kiosks will allow you to pay your electric bill at a time and location convenient to you.

ment drop box is available after hours at each drive-thru window. We accept all types of payments with no convenience fee. We accept MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards. You may contact us for additional information on any of our payment options at 1-888-368-7289.

Payments are being accepted in real time at our current Kiosk locations to include our headquarters office in Burgaw and Bucks Corner Convenience Store in Chinquapin.

Payments can be made with no convenience fee with cash, credit card or check. The kiosk does not provide change, so any overpayment will show as a credit on your account.

### Payment Sites

The kiosk at the Burgaw office is located on the left side of the main entrance to the building and the kiosk at Bucks Corner is located inside the store and will be available during store hours.

For your convenience, additional payment kiosks will be coming soon! We will announce locations as they become available. Find directions to a convenient location near you at [PaySiteKioskLocator.com](http://PaySiteKioskLocator.com)

As a service to you, we offer a variety of other payment options: levelized billing, Four County EMC mobile app, online payment, payment by phone, bank draft and drive-thru window at each local office. A pay-

It's easy and payments are posted automatically and immediately to your account! All you have to do is input your account number using a touch screen with easy-to-understand instructions (written and audio). The instructions are offered in English and Spanish.



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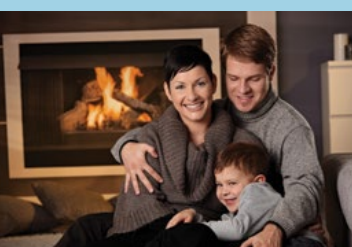


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## Get the Scoop



### Tip of the Month

A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don't let it heat up your electric bill! Caulk around the fireplace hearth and keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

TOWN	PLACE	HOURS
Burgaw	Four County EMC 1822 NC Hwy 53 West	Monday–Sunday: 24/7
Chinquapin	Bucks Corner Convenience Store 2659 S NC Hwy 50	Monday–Saturday: 6 am–10 pm Sunday: 8 am–10 pm



## Scholarship Opportunities

Four County EMC awards four \$500 scholarships to students through the Scholarship Foundation of four Community Colleges in our service area. For the full application process and eligibility requirements, interested students should contact one of the Community Colleges listed below:

### Bladen County

#### Bladen Community College

910-879-5567

sbenson@bladencc.edu

Scholarship deadline: April 15, 2017

### Duplin County

#### James Sprunt Community College

910-296-2417

jcavanaugh@jamesprunt.edu

Scholarship deadline: March 16, 2017

### Pender County

#### Cape Fear Community College

910-362-7338

piwhitfield04@mail.cfcc.edu

Scholarship deadline: May 1, 2017

### Sampson County

#### Sampson Community College

910-592-8081 extension 2042

lturlington@sampsoncc.edu

Scholarship deadline: April 15, 2017

## ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program

Four County EMC continues to offer the ENERGY STAR appliance rebate. With documentation and proof of purchase of a qualified ENERGY STAR appliance Four County members are eligible for a \$50 rebate.

Major appliances that are eligible for the rebates are:

- » refrigerators
- » dishwashers
- » clothes washers
- » freezers
- » dryers

Look for the ENERGY STAR label when making your purchase. This mark will appear on appliance packaging.

For more details call our office at 1-888-368-7289 or visit [www.fourcty.org](http://www.fourcty.org).

## Summer Basketball Camp Scholarships Available to Middle School Students

### Apply Today! Deadline March 31, 2017

Calling all basketball fans! Four County EMC will select one young man for a scholarship to attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp June 17–21 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and one local young lady for the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp June 11–14 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.

At the overnight camps, coaches and college athletes will work directly with campers to develop

fundamental skills that will help the young athletes excel both on and off the court.

Students who will be in sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the 2017–2018 school year are eligible to apply, and the final application deadline is March 31. To download the Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship application or find more information, visit <http://bit.ly/NCSportsCamps> or [www.fourcty.org](http://www.fourcty.org).

The Touchstone energy Sports Camp Scholarship program, sponsored by Four County EMC and

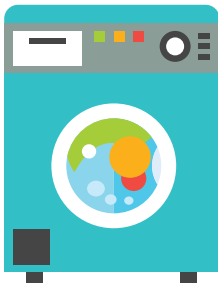


the state's other 25 electric cooperatives, sends more than 50 students statewide each year. The camp provides a unique educational and athletic opportunity for outstanding students across our state and is yet another way the cooperatives are demonstrating their commitment to North Carolina communities.



# ENERGY STAR Buyers Guide

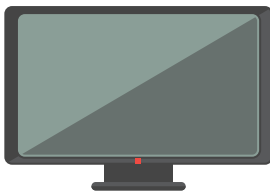
Purchasing **ENERGY STAR**-certified appliances and electronics is a great way to save energy in your home. But how do you choose the right product? It depends on your energy-saving goals *and* how you use energy in your home.



Do you wash multiple loads of laundry each week? Investing in an ENERGY STAR-certified washer could save you around \$45 on your utility bill each year. Some of the top-rated ENERGY STAR-certified large washers come from LG and Samsung. Visit ENERGY STAR's "Most Efficient 2016" page to learn more.



Home computers can use a shocking amount of energy each year. If all computers in the U.S. were ENERGY STAR certified, we would save more than \$1 billion in energy costs per year. If you can't buy an ENERGY STAR-certified computer, consider updating the power management setting on your computer. Visit [energystar.gov/products/office\\_equipment/computers](http://energystar.gov/products/office_equipment/computers).



The larger TVs get, the more energy they use. But ENERGY STAR-certified TVs are, on average, 25% more efficient than conventional models. LG, Samsung and Vizio make the list of ENERGY STAR's most efficient 2016 TVs.

**There are many different types of ENERGY STAR-certified products, including:**

- Air purifiers
- Roof products
- Set-top boxes and cable boxes
- Decorative light strands
- Data center storage
- Pool pumps
- Vending machines
- Dehumidifiers

Learn more about **ENERGY STAR** products.  
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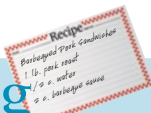
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## Winning Recipe

from the editor



### Fudge Pie

Treat your Valentine with this dessert on Valentine's Day!

### Ingredients

- » 3 large eggs
- » ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- » ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- » ¼ cup margarine, melted
- » 1 t. vanilla extract
- » 1 (12-ounce pkg.) semisweet chocolate morsels, melted
- » 1½ cups walnut halves or pecan pieces
- » refrigerated pie crust

Stir together first 5 ingredients until blended; stir in melted chocolate morsels and nuts. Fit pie crust into a 9-inch pie plate according to package directions. Fold edges under and crimp. Spoon filling into pie crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack. Serve with vanilla ice cream or Cool Whip.



## Heat Pump Water Heater Rebate Available

Purchase a heat pump water heater by December 31, 2017 and receive a \$300 rebate from the Cooperative.

- » Unit must be placed in primary residence; vacation homes and rentals do not qualify.
- » Minimum tank size: 50 gallons
- » Must submit rebate form and copy of sales receipt within 90 days of purchase

» Co-op reserves the right to verify installation

An application along with a copy of the applicable sales receipt must be submitted to the co-op within 90 days of purchase. Contact Chris Ingram for additional information at 910-259-1819 or [chrisingram@fourcty.org](mailto:chrisingram@fourcty.org).

### Four County Electric

#### Our Mission

To provide highly reliable electric service, innovative energy solutions and outstanding service to our Members and Communities.

#### Our Values

- Respect
- Integrity
- Trust
- Teamwork
- Commitment
- Excellence

#### Our Vision

To be an advocate for our Members by:

- Exceeding members' expectations
- Utilizing well trained, motivated employees
- Achieving excellence
- Operating efficiently
- Maintaining hometown values

## Four County Connection

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