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This year, North Carolina’s electric cooperatives sent its largest delegate class to represent the electric co-op community during a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C., called the Youth Tour.

Forty-five ambitious and driven high school students visited the Capitol, continuing a co-op tradition now 50 years strong in North Carolina. They joined 1,800 students from across the country to meet federally elected officials, participate in networking events and learn about our nation’s history and the importance of civic engagement.

Molly Johnson, a rising senior at Topsail High School and Ethan Cannady, a rising senior at East Bladen High School, represented Four County Electric on this year’s June 10-16 tour. Molly and Ethan earned the opportunity to attend after being voted the most outstanding male and female leaders by their peers at Youth Leadership Weekend that was held at Camp Bowers in March.

Molly is very active in numerous clubs such as the Pink Bowz club, which raises money for

breast cancer patients, and the “In Club,” which is an inclusive club for students with disabilities. She volunteers with Special Olympics and the Special Education Prom. In her school, Molly is an active member of the Key Club and Prom Committee. This summer will be Molly’s third year volunteering with the Appalachian Service Project where she assists families in need by helping maintain their homes. Molly has a 4.7 GPA and enjoys being an active leader in her church youth group.

Ethan is in the JROTC program and can often be found volunteering in his community. This year, he created a program through JROTC that allows high school students to go to the local middle school and speak to the eighth graders about the transition from middle school to high school. After Hurricane Matthew roared through the area in October of



Four County EMC’s 2017 Youth Tourist, Molly Johnson and Ethan Cannady

last year, Ethan was eager to volunteer with the restoration process. With JROTC, he assisted a local church that was flooded by helping tear out the basement and assisting with the rebuild. He also enjoys spending time with the elderly at his local rest home. He really enjoys helping people and is a great team player.

Molly summed up her Youth Tour experience with the following quote: “Being an outgoing person, I enjoy interacting with as many people as possible. Youth Tour was the perfect atmosphere to express my curiosity

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Get the Scoop

Tip of the Month

Is your room air conditioner working overtime? Reduce air leaks by installing rigid foam panels (instead of the commonly used accordion panels) in between the window frame and unit, and secure with duct tape.



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Notice of Capital Credit Assignments

A Benefit of Being a Member

The payment happens through something known as Capital Credits. Capital Credits come from the money that a cooperative has left over after paying all of its expenses in a given year.

Members are hereby notified that they have been allocated on the Cooperative's books with having furnished that amount of dollars determined by multiplying the energy, fuel and security light usage for 2016 by 0.04783363 percent.

Shown in the table below are examples of the manner in which your allocated margins have been determined. To compute your own indi-

vidual allocated margin, you need only apply the 0.04783363 percent figure to the total of your energy, fuel and security light usage for 2016 (multiply 0.04783363 by the total of energy, fuel and security light usage).

If you have questions regarding what your allocated margins for all the years you have received service or would like the Cooperative to compute your Capital Credit for

2016 for you, we will gladly assist at the business office nearest you in Burgaw, Elizabethtown or Rose Hill.

Four County EMC retires Capital Credits to estates of deceased members on an on-going basis. If you know a deceased member for whom an application for refund has not been submitted to the Cooperative, the proper representative of the deceased member may obtain and fill out an application form for refund at any Four County office.

General retirements of Capital Credits have previously been made for the

years 1939 through 1990. In addition, partial retirements have been made for more recent years. This way, all members new and old see the benefits of being a member of Four County EMC. At Four County, we are currently striving to make general retirement of Capital Credits on an annual basis as long as it is economically sound to do so.

Later this year there will be a determination of what years can be given back and what percentage of your allocated margins will be retired and returned to you in December.

FIGURING YOUR CAPITAL CREDIT

Year: 2016 Percentage: 0.04783363 (*multiply this number by your total bill*)

If Your Total Bills Were:	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,400.00
Your Capital Credit Would Be:	\$57.40	\$86.10	\$114.80



Attention, Four County EMC Members!

The following individuals are entitled to unclaimed capital credits of \$25 and over.

If you see your name listed or know one of the individuals, please call toll free: 1-888-368-7289

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Cantrell Daniel C	Fillyaw Windsor	Jones Larry A	Murray Eddie T Jr	Saleh Nashawn	Winston Mary J
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Carter Esther Lee	Gaddy David F	Newton	Nickelson Annie B	Scott Nellie E	
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Cashwell Patsy G	Gorham Gary	Kelly Pauline V	Pace Robert	Singletary Gracie	

Local Scholarship Winners Attend Basketball Camp



Four County EMC sponsored middle-school students to attend the Touchstone Energy Sports Basketball Camps on college campuses this summer.

Madalyn White of Currie and Maegan Burney of Elizabethtown won a full scholarship to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp June 11–14 at NC State University in Raleigh. Madalyn is the daughter of Michelle and Freddy White III. Maegan is the daughter of Jay and Tina Burney.

Kendall Cave of Wallace received a full scholarship to attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp



June 18–22 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Kendall is the son of Greg and Rhonda Cave.

During the camps, scholarship winners stayed in dorms like college students and practiced together like a collegiate team. Campers worked directly with coaches and players to practice teamwork and leadership, along with basketball skills like handling and shooting.

“Basketball camp scholarships provide students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn from acclaimed NCAA coaches and develop fundamental



From left: Maegan Burney of Elizabethtown, Kendall Cave of Wallace and Madalyn White of Currie, received full scholarships to attend basketball camp.

skills that will serve them on and off the court,” said Gay Johnson, Director of Corporate Communications at Four County EMC. “Madalyn, Maegan and Kendall excelled this summer, and we are proud to carry on the tradition of providing scholarships to outstanding students like them.”

Students interested in the 2018 camp can apply beginning Jan. 2.

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throughout congress and meet new people from all over the country. It was certainly a week I will never forget.”

Ethan described his Youth Tour experience by saying, “Youth Tour is a week where everyone becomes friends. No matter which state people are from, everyone has a smile on their face and is ready to meet everyone else. It’s an experience of a lifetime where you are able to see the Capitol and many other attractions in D.C. The trip also gets you away from home where you learn that the world is much bigger than just your home town. Opportunities come to those that stand out: at Youth Tour, everyone stood out in order to be able to attend.”

From sightseeing at some of D.C.’s most famous attractions and historic memorials to enjoying a theatrical experience at the Kennedy Center, this year’s students took advantage of everything the Youth Tour had to offer. Ethan and Molly, along with the other North Carolina tourists, engaged in discussions with both of the state’s U.S. senators and several members of the U.S. House of Representatives on Capitol Hill. They also built connections with hundreds of other future leaders from across the country.

“We are so proud of the students who participate in the Youth Tour. They are all young leaders in our community, and in the state.

It’s easy to see why the N.C. Youth Tour is still going strong after 50 years,” said Jeremy Dewberry, Communications Specialist of Four County EMC. “This experience cultivates awareness of our cooperative’s mission and helps build leadership skills and an understanding that every person can make a difference.”

If you will be a high school junior this year (or know one), we encourage applying to the 2018 Youth Tour! Information concerning applying will be made available in late 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Dewberry at jeremydewberry@fourcty.org or by calling 910-259-2171.



When severe weather hits, a reliable plan is your best defense. Make sure your family is ready.



» **Create a family disaster supply kit** with non-perishable food, water, a battery-operated radio, flashlights, a first aid kit, a non-electric can opener, medicines and cash.

» **Add portable, rechargeable cell phone power banks** to your emergency preparedness kit, and charge them before a storm hits.

» **Locate the safest areas in your home** for each kind of severe weather threat, often a first-floor interior hallway, room or closet with no windows. If you live in a mobile home, the safest areas may not be inside your home; please designate an accessible safe place.

» **Develop an evacuation plan**, identifying the safest routes and closest shelters, while also considering areas that are flood-prone and may

be impassible during a severe weather event.

» **Plan how to contact relatives** in an emergency, and remember your pets when planning for possible evacuation. Not all emergency shelters allow pets.

» **Make trees and shrubbery more wind resistant** by keeping them trimmed and

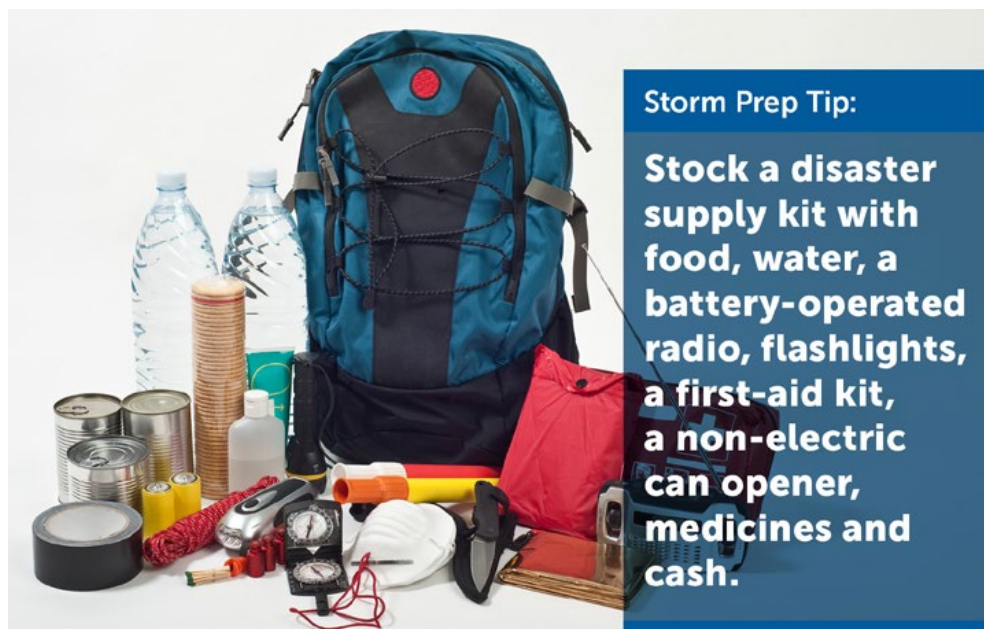
removing damaged branches. Stay far away from power lines while trimming.

» **Take action now** to make sure your family is prepared to weather the storm.

At Four County EMC we're preparing, too. We work hard to minimize service disruptions all year round, but from time to time, severe weather

can lead to power outages. Keep our outage reporting number, 888-368-7289, handy just in case, and remember you can access live outage information anytime on our online outage map at www.fourcty.org.

For storm safety information and outage updates, follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/fourcty.org or [Twitter@fourcty](https://twitter.com/fourcty).



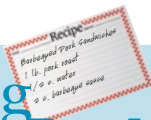


Winning Recipe

Ingredients

- » 1 8 oz. block cream cheese, softened
- » 1 cup sour cream
- » 1/3 cup sugar
- » 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- » 2 1/2 cups seedless green grapes
- » 2 1/2 cups seedless red grapes
- » 1/4 cup brown sugar
- » 1 cup chopped pecans—keep about 1/4 cup to sprinkle on top

Beat cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla with a hand mixer until well blended. Add grapes mixing well. Pour in serving bowl and refrigerate until ready to serve. Before serving, mix in pecans and brown sugar. Top with extra pecans. Enjoy!



Grape Pecan Salad

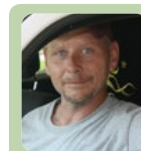
A delicious side dish to pair with any lunch, dinner or cook out this summer. It makes a great dessert too!



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Bright Ideas 'early bird' teachers can win \$100



Attention, teachers! Do you have an idea for a creative project geared toward giving your students a new way to learn? Apply for a Bright Ideas grant!

Four County EMC is awarding \$19,860 this year to teachers with creative ideas to bring hands-on learning to students in K-12 classrooms. The final deadline to apply is September 18, but it could pay to apply early. Educators who submit a grant application by

the early bird deadline of Aug. 15 are entered to win one of five \$100 gift cards. For more information or to start your application, go to NCBrightIdeas.com.

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

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