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June 17 is
Father's Day!



Happy Father's Day
to all those who are
honored on this day.

Four County EMC Procures Loans for local businesses

Four County EMC assisted Mojotone LLC and Pender EMS and Fire, Inc. in securing loans through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program. The USDA provides zero-interest loans to utilities which can then be passed on to local businesses for projects that will create and retain jobs for rural communities.

"We're pleased that Four County EMC can play a key role in supporting local job creation and economic development," CEO Mitchell Keel said. "That's what sets co-ops apart—our commitment to investing in rural communities and helping provide opportunities that will allow them to grow and thrive."

Local and government officials including Congressman David Rouzer gathered in Burgaw on Friday, April 20 for the grand opening of Mojotone LLC. Remaining in Burgaw, the local business has operated in Pender County since 2005 and recently relocated to their new 40,000 square foot facility only a few miles from their previous location. Mojotone is an electronics supplier, custom and vintage reproduction speaker cabinet

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Local and government officials gathered in Burgaw for the grand opening of Mojotone LLC, pictured below.



Above and right: Pender EMS and Fire, Inc. recently added a new ambulance, first responder 911 vehicles and upfitted vehicles that provide emergency medical services.



Four County EMC Awards Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships to Local Middle Schoolers

Four County EMC has awarded Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarships that will send two local middle school students to basketball camps this month at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and N.C. State University in Raleigh.

Drew Henderson of Chinquapin has received a scholarship for the Roy Williams Basketball Camp at UNC, and Ale'yah Scarborough of Wallace was selected for a scholarship to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at N.C. State.

This year's winners Wolfpack winner:

Ale'yah Scarborough
Chinquapin
Elementary School

This year's Roy Williams Winner:

Drew Henderson
Chinquapin
Elementary School

At the camps, students stay overnight in campus dorms, learn fundamental basketball and life skills and receive individual and group instruction from Division



Touchstone Energy® Sports Camp Scholarships



Ale'yah Scarborough



Drew Henderson

1 coaches. Roy Williams, coach of the Carolina Tar Heel men's basketball team, and Wes Moore, coach of the Wolfpack women's basketball team, will direct the camps with the help of staff and current and former players.

Four County EMC is one of 26 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in North Carolina that collectively award more than 50 sports camp scholarships to students statewide each year.

For more information, visit www.fourcty.org or www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/in-the-community/sports-camps.



Energy Tip of the Month

Laundry Tip: Use rubber or wool dryer balls, which help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time.

Source: energy.gov

Loans for Local Businesses

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builder and world class pickup manufacturer that serves electric guitar and tube amplifier enthusiasts, technicians and builders. The company currently has a workforce of 62.

Also through the USDA program, Pender EMS and Fire, Inc. recently added a new ambulance, first responder 911 vehicles and the associated equipment to upfit vehicles used to provide emergency medical services for the citizens of Pender County.



Pender and Sampson County Students Participate in Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.



The 2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is happening this month! North Carolina's electric cooperatives are sending 43 high-school students to Washington, D.C., where they will join more than 1,600 students from across the country for a week-long tour.



Isa Lu



Cameron Baker

Four County EMC has chosen two students to represent our cooperative on the June 9-15 tour, which will give them the chance to participate in leadership training, meet with elected officials, network with their peers and explore Washington, D.C.

Isa Lu, is a junior and attends Topsail High School in Pender County. She has a knack at problem solving and critical thinking. After high school, Isa would like to

further her education in Environmental Science.

Cameron Baker is also a junior and he attends Union High School in Sampson County. Cameron is good at problem solving as well. He is a mood setter, very supportive of his fellow students and keeps everyone smiling and laughing along the way. Cameron plans to pursue his studies in Political Science after he completes high school.

The annual Youth Tour provides outstanding students a unique opportunity to experience Washington, D.C. and learn first-hand about the legislative process, civic engagement and electric cooperatives. This program plays a vital part in our commitment to supporting education and strengthening our communities by allowing us to invest in the future of our local youth.

In addition to receiving an all-expense paid trip to our nation's capital, Youth Tour delegates are also eligible to apply for several college scholarships and the opportunity to represent North Carolina on the Youth Leadership Council, which is a national cooperative program that seeks to develop strong leadership, presentation and advocacy skills in America's most promising young leaders.

June 1 is the beginning of hurricane season

At Four County Electric, we're always prepared for storm season. And we want you, our members, to be prepared, too. Tips for weathering the storm include:

- **Make a plan:** Identify the safest spots in your home, designate a meeting place and write down emergency contact information.
- **Make an emergency kit:** Include water and food (for humans and pets), batteries, flashlights, a first-aid kit

and other items your family might need.

- **Connect with us:** See the latest storm outage updates on our real-time outage map at www.fourcty.com and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fourcty.org.



Winning Recipe

from the editor



- 3 cups of fresh blueberries
- 1 large can crushed pineapple
- ½ cup of sugar (use additional sugar if berries are tart)
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1½ sticks of margarine
- 1 cup of pecans

Place blueberries in the bottom of 9" x 13" baking dish and sprinkle with sugar. Spread pineapple over the berries. Sprinkle cake mix over pineapple, top with pecans and drizzle with melted butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Delicious topped with ice cream. Enjoy!

Blueberry Crunch



Easy, but delicious recipe to use with some of our locally grown blueberries! We are so thankful for all of our farmers! Have you thanked a farmer lately?



Visit the Blueberry Festival

Visit us at the 15th Annual North Carolina Blueberry Festival on Saturday, June 16 in downtown Burgaw!

Stop by our booth on festival day, say hello to your local electric co-op employees and receive a free gift!

Four County EMC is a proud sponsor of the North Carolina Blueberry Festival!

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

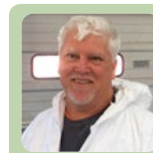
To be an advocate for our Members by:

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

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