



# Connection

Communicating local energy news to Four County Electric members

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

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## Get the Scoop



Spring is nearly here! Now is the perfect time to test your A/C and ensure it's ready for summer. Remember to check the evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually for optimal efficiency.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



## Spring Into Energy Savings

Winter is coming to a close, and spring is just around the corner! As you welcome the new growth of spring outside, it's a great time to enroll in services to grow energy savings, too. Try these tools and services from Four County EMC, and watch your energy savings grow!

- **Prepay Advantage:** Want more control over your electric bill? Sign up for our Prepay Advantage program. Prepay Advantage allows you to pay for your electricity in advance. You decide when, and how much to pay toward your electric bill. When your balance gets low, we'll let you know. And a great bonus? We've found that members using pre-pay tend to save money on electricity as they become more aware of their household energy consumption.
- **Energy audit:** Are you paying for electricity you're not using? Find out with an energy audit. A cooperative energy expert is available to help you become more energy efficient—which is good for your wallet and the environment!
- **Four County EMC Mobile app:** Besides payment and account information, our app lets you track your daily electricity use. Learning when you consume the most electricity is a great first step toward becoming more efficient—all from your smartphone, iPad or Android tablet.
- **Usage Alerts:** Opt in to the usage alert service, and we send you a message if your energy consumption goes above a dollar amount that you set. Increases in power use are often caused by malfunctioning equipment in your home, which can otherwise go undetected for months. So these alerts could save you big!
- **Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program:** When buying an appliance, it has two price tags: what you pay to take it home and what you pay for the energy and water it uses. ENERGY STAR-qualified appliances incorporate

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## Community Meetings Set

Attend an upcoming meeting near you!

*Note: meeting time has changed for 2019 meetings.*

Annually, Four County EMC holds community meetings to inform our members about new developments in the electric utility industry, as well as receive information on current programs and services at their cooperative. Please join us in April at a location near you to get valuable information about what's happening at your cooperative.

Members are encouraged to attend this year's meetings to discuss important issues such as:

- Energy Efficiency
- Billing Options and Marketing Programs
- Things the Cooperative is doing to improve service

Meetings have been scheduled with registration starting at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held as another service to you, our members! We hope to see you at one of the meetings listed in the column to the right.

Refreshments will be served and members can register to win prizes during the evening. For more information about any of the meetings scheduled in your neighborhood, call Four County EMC at 1-888-368-7289.



### Upcoming Meetings

#### Monday, April 8

Maple Hill Presbyterian Church  
4860 NC Hwy 50  
Maple Hill, NC

#### Tuesday, April 9

Wilson Chapel  
4867 New Hope Church Road  
Turkey, NC

#### Thursday, April 11

Suggs Grove Baptist Church  
16618 NC Hwy 53W  
Fayetteville, NC

#### Monday, April 15

Snow Hill Baptist Church  
581 Trestle Road  
Ivanhoe, NC

#### Tuesday, April 16

Friendship Baptist Church  
1989 Bull Street  
Garland, NC

#### Tuesday, April 23

Lanier's Chapel  
746 Ludie Brown Road  
Chinquapin, NC

*Registration opens at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.*

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advanced technologies that use 10–50% less energy and water than standard models. 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 and dryers.

- **Energy efficiency:** The least-expensive energy is the energy that you don't use. Take action! Find lots of energy and money-saving tips at [fourcty.org](http://fourcty.org) or [TogetherWeSave.com](http://TogetherWeSave.com).

Four County EMC is owned and directed by you, our members. Because of that, we're focused on excellent service—and finding smart ways to help you better manage your energy use and budget. Tap into the services and tools above, and watch as your savings grow!

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to spring forward on **March 10!** Set your clocks ahead by one hour.





## Application Deadline Approaching for a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship

The buzzer will sound soon for local rising sixth, seventh and eighth graders to apply for an all-expenses-paid basketball camp scholarship.

Four County EMC will send one young man to the **Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp** June 22–26 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and one young woman to the **Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp** June 9–12 at NC State University in Raleigh. Campers will work directly with players and coaches to develop basketball skills and practice leadership and teamwork at the overnight camps.

To be eligible for a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarship, students must be in sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the 2019-2020 school year. Students currently in eighth grade are not eligible for the scholarship program, per NCAA rules and regulations. Applicants must have permission from a parent or guardian to attend and must provide their own transportation to and from the camp if selected.

Applicants will be judged on academics, extracurricular activities and an essay. To access the application, visit [fourcty.org](http://fourcty.org).

You may also contact Gay Johnson at 1-888-368-7289 for more information about the program. Applications must be postmarked by *March 31*, with winners expected to be announced by the beginning of May.

## meet your employees...

***In an effort to introduce Four County EMC employees to you, we are featuring one employee each month. The March employee is Edith Meza.***

Edith, consumer accounting specialist in the Burgaw office, has been employed by the cooperative for 16 years. Edith works in Member Services. Every bill that is paid by mail goes to Edith, who process the payments for our members. She also checks the daily balances, creates the billing schedule, and issues refund checks periodically.

Edith, along with everyone in the Member Services department works hard every day so that our members

receive the best quality support.

"I love what I do and the people I work with. I wouldn't say we're co-workers, feels more like family," says Edith.

Edith is very much of an adrenaline junkie, she enjoys riding ATVs and Mud Run obstacle courses. She supports our local farmers and is a farm owner herself. She loves to spend time on the family farm where they grow blackberries and blueberries.



*Edith Meza, Consumer Accounting Specialist in Burgaw*

Winning  
from the editor  
**Recipe**



**Ham & Swiss Cheese Rolls**



- 1 pkg. cooked ham (thin sliced is best)
- 1 pkg. party rolls, Pepperidge Farm or Hawaiian rolls (They come in a metal toss away cooking pan)
- ½ lb. pkg. of Swiss cheese
- ¼ lb. margarine, room temperature
- 2 tsp. mustard
- 2 T. poppy seed
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 small onion, grated

Mix together margarine, mustard, poppy seed, Worcestershire sauce and onion. Cut rolls in half so you have a huge sandwich of connected rolls. Spread margarine mixture inside on both sides of rolls. Place ham and cheese on the bottom of each roll. Place top portion back on top like a sandwich. Brush

top of rolls with extra margarine before baking. Cover loosely with foil. Bake at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes or until heated through and cheese has melted. Rolls can be cut individual with a knife or simply pull them apart. Enjoy!



**Is Your Four County EMC Account Information Up-to-Date?**

Remember, our system recognizes the phone number listed on your account and this helps with identifying your location quickly during an outage. Having your correct email address is imperative for many Four County EMC programs such as Alerts and Reminders as well as e-bill.

If you have recently changed your phone number or email address please make those changes on your

Four County EMC account as soon as possible. You may update this information from a mobile device or on your computer. It's easy and secure and all you need is your account number and password. Visit our Member Portal at [fourcty.org](http://fourcty.org) and select *Manage Your Account/My Account/Account Profile* to make your necessary changes or call our office at 1-888-368-7289 for assistance.

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**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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