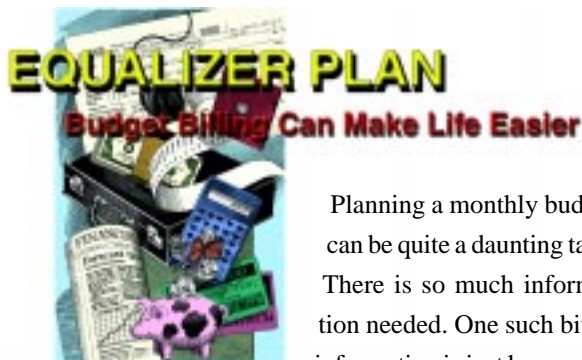


# MEMBER NEWS

A Monthly Magazine For Members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Planning a monthly budget can be quite a daunting task. There is so much information needed. One such bit of information is just how much your monthly electric bill will be. Wouldn't it be reassuring to know, well in advance, what that amount will be? On Carteret-Craven's EQUALIZER PAYMENT PLAN you can pay the same amount each month and you'll have no doubt about what next month's electric bill will do to your budget.

Here are some details about the plan for you to consider. We think they make a very good case for trying our **Equalizer Plan**.

The **Equalizer Plan** is a program in which you are billed the same amount each month. That amount is figured by averaging your total bills for the last 12 months and adding in a small margin. This will determine exactly the amount you'll pay on your monthly bill.

If you have a safeguard light or other special services, these will be in addition to your equalizer payment.

Anyone could benefit from the **Equalizer Plan**, especially those who are on a fixed income or who operate within a tight budget. In addition, anyone who would like to pay by bank draft and know in advance how much would be drafted could appreciate the plan.

Our staff routinely checks your account to insure you are paying the right amount. If not, the account will be adjusted and future payments will reflect this amount.

Current users take note, we will NOT have a settle up month and will NOT write refund checks. Your account will be adjusted accordingly for the next year.

The good thing is you can try the plan and if it doesn't fit your needs, you can return to normal billing. You may request by phone, writing, or in person that you be removed from the program. You will, however, need to settle the account at that time before returning to normal billing.

The **Equalizer Payment Plan** may be just the thing you are looking for. For more information or to sign up for the plan, call our Customer Service Representatives at 247-3107 or 1-800-682-2217 or contact us at our web site at [www.ccemc.com](http://www.ccemc.com).



*Shirley Miller of Gales Creek, receives the Grand Prize of \$400 from Cooperative employee, Lynn Dickson (L) as President, Roger Jones looks on.*

## ANNUAL MEETING GREAT SUCCESS!

The 61st Annual Meeting of Carteret-Craven was held on Saturday, September 29th and by all accounts, was a great success. Recent surveys are being tabulated and the results and announcement about the 2002 Annual Meeting date will be posted in the December edition of the Member News found in Carolina Country Magazine.



**Bill Ward**

*Director of Communications*

## **Cooperative Website Provides Information and Opportunities**

*Want to find out just what is going on in your community? Want to let the world know about a fund-raiser your club is sponsoring? How about finding out about an industrial site available for new businesses? All this and more is available on the Carteret-Craven's web site: [www.ccemc.com](http://www.ccemc.com).*

*The site, which has been up and running in its present format for about a year, provides the above information and much more. On the main page there is a community calendar which is updated weekly. It contains information sent in by clubs and organizations concerning upcoming events. Hopefully, organizations will come to depend on the site to help with their planning of fund-raising events.*

*The site also features a business section. Businesses that are served by Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative can have their own web sites linked to the site at no charge.*

*If a business is not a member of Carteret-Craven, their site can be linked for a nominal charge. Businesses not having web sites can have a page designed by our staff for a fee.*

*Membership information and member services information is also available. You can access the various services we make available to members by checking out the site. This page includes rate information and beneficial programs to members.*

*In addition, you can read the current issue of this Member News or a past issue from the archives. Concerned with what the kids see on the web? We even have a Kids/Family link that accesses games and information that is appropriate for the entire family.*

*Why not visit us and check out the information available? We have several places on the site where you can e-mail us with your community events or just ask for more information. Let us know what you think. Our plan is to make this site an ever-changing, ever-growing tool to assist you, the member.*



**Be sure and visit us online:  
[www.ccemc.com](http://www.ccemc.com)**

## **RELATED SITES:**

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- ◆ [www.nreca.org](http://www.nreca.org) National Rural Electric Co-op Association
- ◆ [www.touchstoneenergy.org](http://www.touchstoneenergy.org) Touchstone Energy
- ◆ [www.advancedenergy.org](http://www.advancedenergy.org) Advanced Energy Organization
- ◆ [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com) Bright Ideas Educational Grants
- ◆ [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov) U.S. Department of Energy



# *Carteret-Craven To Sponsor Talent Search*

## *Cooperative Hosting Event For New Television Series*

**C**arteret-Craven Electric Cooperative will be playing host to a talent search for a new television series. "Carolina Calling" is being produced by Smith Productions of Charlotte for airing on North Carolina Public Television. North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and Touchstone Energy have partnered with Smith Productions to produce the 13-week series.

Carteret County has been selected as a site for one of the five "Touchstone Energy Carolina Talent Searches" being held across the state. Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative will host the event that will be held at West Carteret High School on December 6, 2001. Selected participants from the talent searches will appear on the "Carolina Calling" program. The taping of the shows will be at the NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte.

The 13-week program will provide the opportunity to preserve North Carolina's musical and performing heritage. Smith Productions has a long history of discovering and promoting North Carolina talent. The company was founded by well-known celebrity, Arthur Smith. Mr. Smith appeared in America's homes for several decades and will

play a key role in the new show.

"Carolina Calling" will air in the Spring of 2002 and is tentatively scheduled for 8 p.m. on Saturday for 13 consecutive weeks. The program will air on UNC-TV, which is the only network that reaches into all 100 counties. UNC-TV is also on 260 cable systems in the state.

Talent searches have already occurred in Wingate and Hickory, North Carolina. In addition, searches will take place at Chapel Hill on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Morehead City on December 6<sup>th</sup> and Williamston on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Applicants may apply to perform at any and all of the venues.

Talent search applications may be picked up at any of Carteret-Craven's three offices: McCotter Blvd. in Havelock, Salter Path Road in Salter Path and Highway 24 outside of Morehead City. Applications may also be requested by calling 252-727-2238 and we will gladly mail one out.

Who knows. Maybe the next great performer will come from our own neighborhood. Why not fill out an application today?



# OPERATION ROUND-UP<sup>®</sup>

## FOUNDATION AWARDS FUNDS

Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation awarded funds recently to two area groups. The Boys & Girls Club of Carteret County received funds to assist with the new building project at Morehead Elementary School at Camp Glenn and the Carteret County Museum of History received assistance for the new *History Place* building being renovated in downtown Morehead City.

The Foundation administers funds received through OPERATION ROUND-UP<sup>®</sup>. This program rounds up each member's monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar amount and the funds are used to support local projects decided upon by the Foundation volunteer board. OPERATION ROUND-UP<sup>®</sup> is strictly voluntary and any member not wishing to participate may ask to be removed.

Information concerning OPERATION ROUND-UP<sup>®</sup> can be found on our web site at [www.ccemc.com](http://www.ccemc.com) under the Community section.



Students from the Boys & Girls Club do homework during afterschool program.



Representatives from The History Place review plans with Foundation President, John Marriott (c) and Co-op representative, Bill Race, second from left.

**Free** **Free**

## Brighter Living Expo!!!!

Friday, November 9th, Crystal Coast Civic Center, 10am-5pm  
sponsored by  
All Well, Carteret County Health Dept., Carteret-Craven EMC, Carteret General Hospital

### CARTERET-CRAVEN OFFICE HOURS

<p><u>Havelock Office</u> 8:00 a. m. - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Main Office, Hwy. 24</u> 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p>
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Salter Path Office

Open each Friday; in addition, 5 consecutive working days beginning on 28th  
Walk-in 9am - 11:45am; 1pm - 5pm

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**Customer Service Telephone Hours:**  
Customer Service Representatives are available 24 hours a day,  
7 days a week. Call 1-800-682-2217 or 1-252-247-3107  
**For your account balance: 1-877-677-4EMC**  
**Visit our website at: <http://www.ccemc.com>**