

Member News

For Members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

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Co-op Annual Meeting A Family Affair

JUNE 2003

This year's Annual Meeting was held at the Glad Tidings Church on Country Club Road in Morehead City. Record crowds made this year's event a family affair. More than 1,000 members and guests were in attendance.

Attendees visited with Cooperative employees, ate hot dogs provided by Carteret-Craven's Relay for Life fundraising team, participated in health screenings, and attended the business meeting where they watched a video presentation about CCEC.

The evening's entertainment was provided by the Havelock Jazz Ensemble directed by Mr. Jorge Benitez and the East Carteret Singers who were instructed by Ms. Constance Sowers.

Board President Roger W. Jones conducted the Official Business meeting. The results for this year's director election were announced to the members. Directors from District #1, Ralph H. Freeman,

and District #3, Arland L. Bell, were uncontested. Both were re-elected for three year terms. There was an election in District #4 and incumbent, Mr. Fred Fulcher was reelected to a three-year term.



The Havelock Jazz Ensemble had the crowd clapping their hands and tapping their feet to an upbeat rhythm.



Carteret Vision Center employee performs a glaucoma screening on a willing participant.

Member George L. Carr of Morehead City won the 1995 Chevrolet pickup truck and member Virginia Baker of Emerald Isle won the six months free electricity. \$1,300 dollars in cash prizes were given away that evening. □



Mr. George Carr of Morehead City was the winner of a 1995 Chevrolet pickup truck.



Emerald Isle resident Virginia Baker won six months of free electricity. She is standing next to Roger Jones, CCEC board president.

Summer Residential Rate Schedules in Effect From June through October 2003.

Hurricane Season Officially Begins June 1

North Carolina has had more than its share of hurricanes, tornadoes, snow, and ice storms in the recent past. Any one of these natural phenomena can cause prolonged power outages. Preparing for a hurricane or severe weather that may or may not happen often seems trivial. Nevertheless, when you don't have the necessary supplies during a severe weather situation, it can be burdensome to you and your family. One option is to set aside an area in your home or garage to store these types of "severe weather" supplies. Here are some tips that can help you prepare for severe weather.

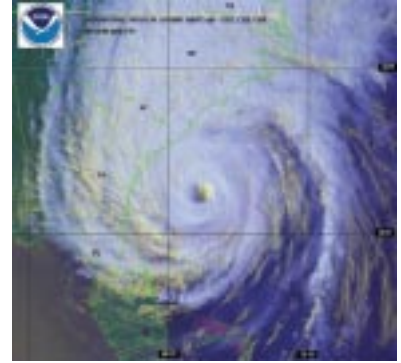
Before The Storm

- Make sure flashlights, battery powered lanterns and or other sources of light are readily available.
- Make sure flashlight and radio batteries are fresh.
- Make sure you have an adequate supply of medicine, first aid supplies, and baby items.
- Homeowners with wells should draw an emergency water supply in case power to their electric water pumps is interrupted. In addition, it is a good idea to keep at least one clean bathtub filled with water when expecting severe weather.
- Keep a supply of bottled water, non-perishable food items, batteries, and firewood on hand.
- Have a plan of where family members will meet if you are expected to evacuate an area. Keep a list of possible hotels in the



western part of North Carolina or even out of state in order to have their phone numbers readily available in case of an evacuation. Consider moving yourself and your family—especially those with special needs—to an alternate location during an extended outage.

(View of Floyd, courtesy of NOAA)



Assemble An Emergency Kit

Having an emergency kit prepared and ready to go can help you in a number of situations. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) suggests you have plenty of water and non-perishable food stored and readily available for your entire family. FEMA also suggests that you have a first aid kit assembled for your home and your car that includes standard first aid items, such as assorted bandages and gauzes, non-prescription drugs, battery operated radio, extra batteries, flashlights, and a non-electric can opener. Other items may come in handy such as sanitation items and important family documents, such as credit card account numbers, bank account numbers, insurance policies, and forms of identification, such as passports and social security cards.



CCEC Helps Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter

Earlier this year, Cooperative employees did some work for the Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter on Highway 24. At that time, OWLS was in the process of building a special cage large enough for injured birds like osprey, red-tailed hawks and hawks, to fly and exercise their muscles. A large and safe environment is critical in preparing these special birds of prey before returning them to their natural habitat. Since the Outer Banks



The new rafter cage will help large birds return to their natural habitat.

Wildlife Shelter operates solely from donations, volunteers, and private benefactors, we saw this as an excellent opportunity to lend a helping hand.

Stephanie Goetzinger, Executive Director of the Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter, had this to say in a "thank you" letter sent to the Cooperative:

"All of us at OWLS thank Carteret-Craven EC for your help in the construction of our new flight cage. Shannon Inman, Joey Klott, Joshua Quinn, and Paul Quillen (four of the nicest young men we've ever met) spent almost an entire day drilling the foundation postholes, setting the 16-foot poles, leveling them, and cementing them into the ground. They did an invaluable amount of work, and really got the project off to a 'flying start!'... Who says big business is cold-hearted?"



Crew Leader Paul Quillen drills holes in order to set 16-foot posts.



CCEC linemen make final adjustments before setting the poles.

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