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News

A newsletter for members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

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Grants help three students realize dreams

John Lennon and Paul McCartney couldn't have said it better than they did in the 1960s in their hit song, "With a Little Help from My Friends."

Three Carteret Community College students, who were helped tremendously with a little help from friends, might even consider the tune their theme song. Through the caring hearts of community college officials and the generosity of nearly 30,000 Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative members, these students have reached milestones they once only

dreamed they would reach. The Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation provided educational grants to assist two of the students, Amanda Riggs and Jessica Strong, and helped with a much needed eye operation for a third student, Matthew Guthrie.

Although Amanda and Jessica will be heading off to rival schools in the fall, N.C. State and UNC, they share a passion for learning and more. Both young women faced many obstacles in reaching their goals, yet both succeeded in completing their associate's degrees at the community college and will be ahead of the game when they begin their studies in the fall.

Amanda was literally living out of a backpack, working until 3 a.m. and riding a taxi to get to her classes at CCC. "She has been paying her

own way since she was 17," said Beth Belcher, who heads up Student Support Services at the community college and saw promise and drive in the young woman.



Pictured, from left, are Beth Belcher, head of Student Support Services at Carteret Community College; students Amanda Riggs, Jessica Strong and Matthew Guthrie; Connie Asero, vice-chair of the Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation; and Peggy Horrell, CCEC Vice President of Human Resources & Administration and foundation liaison.

Student Support Services fosters the success of disadvantaged students through a variety of programs, including assessment, counseling, tutoring, advising, mentoring, financial aid and more.

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Employees plan Jerry Garner Memorial Motorcycle Rally to raise money for Relay for Life team.

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inside-out

Co-op cannot connect power until electrical inspection slip is in hand

When remodeling your home or making repairs that include electrical work and require that the power be disconnected, you must make sure the cooperative has a copy of the electrical inspection before we reconnect service.

OSHA and state law require us to have a copy of the inspection slip in our possession. Inspection slips are issued by the county or municipal inspections office and certify to us that the dwelling has been



Lonnie Moore
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wired according to the National Electric Code and it is safe to energize.

“North Carolina law is very clear on this issue. Unless we have a copy of the electrical inspection in our possession, no meter will be set,” said Lonnie Moore, vice president of engineering and operations at the coop-

erative. “Phone calls to verify the inspection slip are not sufficient. We must have a copy of the inspection in hand.”

Inspection slips are required as well before reconnecting a service after a new or different mobile home has been placed on a lot that previously had power.

It is acceptable for you to give the inspection slip to personnel in the field or leave the slip in the meter base. If however, the inspection slip is not in the meter base when we arrive, we will not be able to set the meter until the inspection slip is forwarded to our office.

Outages resulting from storm damage

can create quite an inconvenience if the member’s electrical facilities are damaged. This is particularly troublesome for our members if the damage occurs after regular business hours when inspection offices are closed.

“If a tree limb falls across a service wire and pulls the weather head off your house, regulations say we can’t re-energize your home until repairs are made and the appropriate inspecting authority has issued an inspection slip stating it is safe to reconnect,” Moore said. “We will clean up our wire, but we will not be able to restore service until an inspection slip has been received.”

“We realize this may be an inconvenience in some circumstances, but we must abide by the law,” Moore continued. “And, the law is designed to ensure both the occupants and our employees are kept safe.”





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•BOAT SHOW•

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Grants

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“My focus is to make students believe in themselves,” Ms. Belcher said. “They need someone to champion them, lead them and guide them.”

Amanda will transfer to NC State as a junior and plans to study botany, with a minor in biotechnology. She might even add biochemistry to her major.

Jessica graduated early from high school. She worked three jobs while attending CCC full-time. Her diligence has earned her a scholarship to UNC, where she plans to major in public policy analysis with a minor in social and economic justice. She would like to get her law degree, and said she hopes to work with nonprofit organizations on a national level, championing the causes of those less fortunate.

“I want to be able to make a difference,” Jessica said.

Matthew Guthrie was up against a different set of obstacles. He was born cross-eyed,

which made learning difficult, took a toll on his self-esteem and even had teachers and others labeling him as disabled or retarded. His future wasn't looking too bright a year ago. His stepfather died the second week of Matthew's first semester at CCC.

“My grades slipped and I was doing stuff I shouldn't have been doing,” Matthew said.

He made a U-turn, however, after he met his now best friend in an English class, joined a church and got help from Student Support Services. Ms. Belcher and others were moved by Matthew and the hard knocks in life that he had endured.

Through a fund-raising effort spearheaded by Ms. Belcher and with a Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation grant, 19-year-old Matthew underwent surgery this summer to correct his eye problem and give him a truly new outlook on life.

“The eye surgery was a gift from God,” Matthew said. “I had wanted that to happen as long as I can remember.”

Breakers designed to protect you and your family

Circuit breakers ensure that your household electrical wiring doesn't overheat and are among the most important safety mechanisms in your home.

If your circuit breakers trip often, check your outlets. Too many plugs in one outlet can draw more electricity than the outlet can handle. Breakers might trip as well if too many appliances or lights on a single circuit are operating at once. Correct the problem by removing some of the load on the circuit and resetting the breaker.

If you are still having problems after reducing the load, you may have a faulty appliance that needs to be repaired or replaced.



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