

MEMBER

News

From Cedar Island to Cedar Point
and many places in between



A newsletter for members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

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Foundation Scholarship applications available now for high school seniors

Attention high school seniors!

Applications are available now at www.carteretcravenelectric.coop for the 2010 Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation Scholarships.

Five high school seniors, at least one each from East Carteret, West Carteret, Croatan and Havelock high schools, will be selected for the scholarships. Students who attend other schools, such as Jones Senior or Gramercy, are pooled with the remaining applicants for the fifth scholarship.

The scholarships are for students planning to attend either a community college or a four-year institution. Recipients will receive \$500 per semester, excluding summer sessions, for a total of up to four years.



The selection criteria includes 50 percent need; 25 percent academic achievement, based on transcripts, SAT score, and grade-point average; and 25 percent extracurricular activities, such as clubs, sports, special projects, community and church involvement.

Members may also request applications be mailed by calling Communications Director Lisa Galizia at 252-727-2238 or sending an e-mail to lisat@ccemc.com.

Deadline for submission is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Funds for the scholarships are provided by member donations to Operation RoundUp®, which is administered by the Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation Board of Directors.

Light up the night and help our schools

With the end of Daylight Saving Time on Nov. 1, most of us turn on our porch lights a little earlier in the evenings.

To save energy, why not install compact fluorescent lights in your outdoor fixtures? And, if you buy your CFLs from one of the schools in the co-op's service area, you'll be helping them earn money for a variety of organizations and projects.

CCEC has partnered with schools in a unique approach to deliver CFLs to as many people as possible. Consumers get the benefit of low-cost lights that will help them save energy; and the co-op can apply the effort toward the requirements of the state's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) mandates.

Various school organizations, such as athletics and band boosters, PTOs, clubs, and others, will have the opportunity to earn money for projects they may otherwise not be able to do.

on the web

Want to save \$100 a year on your electric bill? You can when you buy an electric water heater efficiency kit for \$16. Learn more at:

www.carteretcravenelectric.coop



Co-ops give back at statewide conference

Electric cooperatives across North Carolina are committed to their members and the communities they serve, and employees representing 16 of the state's 26 co-ops put that commitment into action by giving back to the people of Orange and Durham counties during the Marketing & Communications Service Summit in Chapel Hill last month.

The community service projects were new to the Summit this year and were a huge success. On the opening day, some 40 co-op employees

CCEC Communications Director Lisa Galizia, who chaired this year's Service Summit. "Each cooperative brought donated items when they checked in, and we had several tables full of everything from canned foods to diapers to cleaning products."

Giving back to the community is what cooperatives across the state and nation do every day, from volunteering to coach a youth football team, teaching Sunday school, helping elderly neighbors with home repairs, to raising

money for charities, sponsoring families for Project Christmas Cheer, working with the co-op's Relay for Life and March of Dimes fund-raising teams, working with civic organizations and more.

"It's part of the life blood of any cooperative," Galizia said. "At CCEC, employees average more than 1,600 volunteer hours each year."

CCEC members also look out for their fellow members through their participation in Operation RoundUP®. By contributing just pennies a month over the past 10-plus years, cooperative members have donated more than \$1.77 million to help improve the lives of their friends



Participants in the 2009 Service Summit load up grocery carts with food and other household items for Orange Congregations in Mission's Samaritan Relief food pantry in Hillsborough. Summit organizers added this and three other service projects to the annual conference of marketing and communications professionals from electric cooperatives across the state.

gathered in groups, one for a delivery of four vehicle loads of food, personal items and cleaning supplies for the Orange Congregations in Mission Samaritan Relief food pantry in Hillsborough, another to deliver water efficiency kits and compact fluorescent lights to Covenant Place, a retirement apartment complex in Chapel Hill. Another round of efficiency kits went to the Orange County Department on Aging, and the last batch of donated water heater efficiency kits and lights went to the John Avery Boys and Girls Club of Orange County.

"It was meaningful and heartwarming, said

and neighbors in Carteret, Craven, Jones and Onslow counties. Each month, participants' electric bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar amount. These donations are placed in the care of the Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation Board of Directors, which is made up of cooperative members from across the co-op's service territory. The volunteer board considers grant requests, focusing on linking individual members' donations to individual needs. Grants are also awarded to programs and agencies that have demonstrated that philosophy as well.

"Other cooperatives have similar programs," Galizia said. "It's just what we do."

Co-ops deliver ½-million postcards to Senate offices

With the U.S. Senate considering climate change legislation, electric cooperative representatives from North Carolina personally delivered more than 10,000 member-signed postcards, including more than 2,000 from Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative, to the state's Senators on Capitol Hill.

The North Carolina representatives joined cooperative colleagues from 27 other states across the nation, who hand-delivered close to 500,000 postcards to Senate offices in late September. The state co-op delegation urged Senators Kay Hagan and Richard Burr to work with cooperatives to ensure climate change legislation is fair, affordable and achievable.

"We want to make sure our members' voices are heard," said Craig Conrad, Carteret-Craven CEO and General Manager. "The thousands of cards are tangible evidence that cooperative members are paying attention and have real concerns about this legislation."

"The response from cooperative members has been overwhelming," said Glenn English, CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative



Sen. Kay Hagan staffer Perrin Cooke, center, receives some of the half-million postcards from North Carolina's electric co-op members. Flanking him are Brunswick EMC CEO Chip Leavitt and NCAEC Government Affairs Director Jay Rouse.

Association. "Boxes on top of boxes on top of boxes of signed postcards—that is what a genuine grassroots campaign looks like."

The postcard campaign is part of Our Energy, Our Future™, a national grassroots effort by rural electric cooperatives to engage its 42 million members nationwide in a conversation with elected officials about how we meet climate change goals while keeping electricity reliable and affordable.

"It's important for co-ops to have that kind of ongoing dialogue with our elected leaders," Conrad said.

Don't miss out on Energy Star tax-free weekend

North Carolina's sales tax holiday on November 6–8 can help you save on Energy Star qualified appliances. Combine that with the cooperative's appliance incentive program, and you have the chance to win \$100 cash.

Appliances that can be purchased tax-free include Energy Star clothes washers, refrigerators, freezers, central air conditioners and room air conditioners, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers and programmable thermostats.

For details, go to the N.C. Department of Revenue's Web site at www.dornc.com

In addition to the tax-free holiday, CCEC members who purchase Energy-Star clothes washers, refrigerators and freezers,

dishwashers, programmable thermostats, or high-efficiency air-source heat pumps and geothermal heat pumps, are eligible for \$100 cash drawings. Also included are HVAC tune-ups performed by a qualified professional

Members are allowed one entry for each appliance purchase or HVAC tune-up. A \$100 award will be drawn for every 30 entries, up to a total of 25 awards.

Forms are available online at the Web site, www.carteretcravenelectric.coop. They must be filled out, with copies of receipts attached, and mailed to or dropped by one of our offices in Newport, Havelock or Harkers Island by 5 p.m. on Nov. 30. Winners will be notified Dec. 4.

Don't become a Thanksgiving cooking fire statistic

For many, the family dinner is the highlight of the Thanksgiving holiday, but we should all keep in mind that cooking accounts for more than 25 percent of all house fires, with a peak on Thanksgiving. The U.S. Fire Administration offers these tips for holiday cooking safety.



Watch what you Heat

- *The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.*
- *Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.*
- *If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.*
- *Stay alert! You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.*

Keep flammables & heat sources apart

- *Keep anything that can catch fire—pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stovetop.*
- *Keep stovetop, burners and oven clean.*
- *Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire if it comes into contact with a gas flame or electric burner.*

How and when to fight cooking fires

- *When in doubt, just get out. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 911 after you leave.*
- *If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.*
- *Always keep a lid nearby when you are cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (be sure to wear an oven mitt). Turn off the burner. Don't move the pan. Leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.*
- *In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing.*
- *If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Don't open the door until the fire is out. Unplug the appliance if you can safely reach the outlet.*



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