



Along the LINE

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For members of
Edgecombe-Martin County EMC

Hartley Represents Edgecombe-Martin County EMC in Washington, D.C.

Each summer, one rising high school senior in our service area is selected for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity — an all-expenses-paid trip to our nation's capital through the Washington Youth Tour. This year, Seth Hartley proudly represented Edgecombe-Martin County EMC during this unforgettable week.

Seth's experience carried an even deeper meaning for his family. His grandmother took part in the same program back in June 1968, representing Tri-County EMC. She recalls her first trip to Washington, D.C., as an eye-opening adventure — one filled with lasting memories. "Living in rural eastern North Carolina in 1968, I rarely had the opportunity to travel outside the state, so the

trip was a wonderful experience," she shared. "We were even invited to the White House grounds, where President Lyndon Johnson addressed our group — and I shook his hand! I've carried those memories with me all my life, and I know this year's group, including my grandson, will do the same."

The Youth Tour isn't just a sightseeing trip — it's a hands-on, nonpartisan experience designed to help students gain a deeper understanding of our country's history, democracy and how government decisions affect our everyday lives. Students from across the U.S. come together to learn, grow, and be inspired to lead.

During their week in Washington, students visited powerful landmarks such as the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, National Cathedral, the U.S. Capitol and numerous Smithsonian



museums — including the Udvar-Hazy Center and American History Museum. They explored the National Mall, connected with North Carolina legislators over lunch and took part in meaningful discussions about the role of government in shaping our communities.

At Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, we believe in investing in the next generation of leaders. The Youth Tour is more than a trip — it's a journey into civic engagement and leadership development. When students like Seth return home with a deeper appreciation for democracy and a renewed sense of purpose, it strengthens our co-op, our communities, and our future.



Now Accepting Sealed Bids for Surplus Equipment

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is accepting sealed bids for the following surplus items:

2014 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD

289,627 miles, blown motor. Sold as is. Includes toolbox, winch, and bumper.

Two Goodman Gas Pack Units

2.5 ton, 14.00 SEER units from 2014 and 2015. Sold as is.

Bids will be accepted from Aug. 1 — Aug. 31. Submissions can be made in person or by mail to: P.O. Box 188, Tarboro, NC 27886. Please submit separate bids for the truck and the air conditioning units.

For more information or to request additional details, please contact Alex Tucker at 252-641-9511 or alex@ememc.com. Don't miss your chance to bid — submit yours before the deadline!



Investing in the Future: Isiah Cooper Joins EMC as Summer Intern

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is proud to welcome Isiah Cooper as our 2025 summer Engineering Intern! Isiah is currently working toward a Bachelor of Science in Engineering with a concentration in Electrical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics at East Carolina University.

Over the next few weeks, Isiah will be gaining hands-on experience in the electric cooperative world — applying classroom knowledge to real-life projects and learning the ins and outs of what keeps the power flowing to our members. Internships like this are a win-win: they give students a meaningful head start in their careers while allowing our Cooperative to engage with and help shape the next generation of engineers.

We're excited to have Isiah on board and can't wait to see the impact he'll make during his time with us. Please join us in welcoming him to the Edgecombe-Martin family!



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FROM V.P. OF MEMBER SERVICES AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
EDDIE STOCKS

August has arrived, and with it comes increased energy consumption as we all try to stay cool in the heat. If you've been thinking about ways to make your home more efficient or transition to electric appliances, help is on the way.

Starting in December, income-eligible residents in our service area will have access to a new rebate program through Energy Saver NC—a statewide initiative designed to reduce energy costs, improve home comfort, and support a cleaner energy future.

Funded by \$208 million from the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, this program is one of the first of its kind to launch in the country, and North Carolina is among just a dozen states already rolling it out. Through two programs—Homeowners Managing Energy Savings (HOMES) and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)—households can receive significant financial assistance for energy upgrades.

Rebates will be available for improvements such as installing a heat pump for heating and cooling, replacing a water heater with an energy-efficient heat pump model, upgrading electric panels and wiring, adding insulation, or switching over to electric appliances like stoves or clothes dryers. Depending on your income and the improvements being made, you could receive thousands of dollars back to help cover these costs.

But the benefits of this program extend far beyond individual homes. By investing in energy efficiency, the state also expects to create new business opportunities and support more than 2,300 jobs. That means stronger local economies, cleaner air inside and outside our homes, and real progress toward a healthier, more energy-efficient North Carolina.

For many families, this program offers a real opportunity to lower monthly energy bills while making the home more comfortable year-round. From keeping your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer to improving air quality and reducing strain

on your electrical system, these upgrades offer long-term value. Best of all, the program is designed with accessibility in mind, offering full or discounted home energy assessments for eligible households and requiring only that participants work with state-approved contractors—ensuring the work meets high standards and is eligible for rebates.

Applications will open in December for our service area and can be submitted online, by phone, by email or through the mail. Whether you own your home, manage a multifamily building, or rent with your landlord's permission, you may qualify. To learn more, visit energysavernc.org or call 866-988-8555.

We'll continue to share updates as the date approaches, but now is a great time to start thinking about your goals and identifying which upgrades might make the biggest difference in your home. Programs like this are designed to help families today while building a more sustainable future for everyone—and we're proud to help spread the word.

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Scan **QR code** or go to
EnergySaverNC.org
to find out if you qualify.



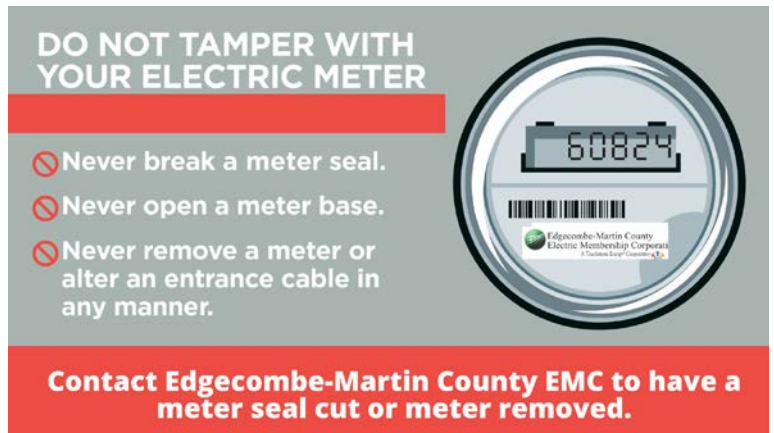
Contact us Before Pulling Meters

Nothing's more important than the safety of our members, employees and the general public.

That's why we have policies in place to ensure that only Edgecombe-Martin County EMC personnel can access cooperative-owned equipment, including our electric meters.

That means if you're having work done at your home, farm or business that would cause your electric meter and/or other cooperative-owned equipment to be disconnected or reconnected, your first call should be to Edgecombe-Martin County EMC. We are happy to schedule a time with you or your contractor to safely and promptly disconnect and reconnect your meter at no additional charge.

Technology and metering equipment help cooperative staff monitor system reliability. When a member or electrician removes a meter, notification is sent to cooperative personnel. We are aware that some members needing to perform electrical work on their side of the meter have, in the past, temporarily pulled the meter to complete that work. However, disconnecting a meter without permission from the co-op is illegal, unsafe, and can result in fines for the member.



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August Rights-of-Way

In order to provide safe, reliable electrical service, we maintain the rights-of-way under and around our power lines. We do this through rights-of-way and vegetation management. This requires pruning, removing, and cutting vegetation to prevent interruption of your electric service.

Throughout August, Trees, LLC will utilize sky trim, buckets and bushhogging equipment, in the Temperance Hall, Highway 42, St Lewis service areas and various hotspots on the system.

