

# Along the LINE

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For members of  
Edgecombe-Martin County EMC



## Shooting for a Cause

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC's Annual Sporting Clays 4-H Tournament took place on Sept. 13 at the Rose Hill Shooting Plantation. The event brought together generous sponsors and skilled shooters, all in support of our 4-H youth development programs.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's fundraiser. Your participation and support help us continue to provide valuable resources for local 4-H initiatives, making a meaningful impact on youth in our community.

Congratulations to our top teams and individual shooters. The 1st Place Team was River City Construction, followed by Madoc Farms in 2nd place, with Edgecombe-Martin County EMC securing 3rd place. In the individual category, Klint Price claimed 1st place, with Brandon Rouse taking 2nd and Tim Hill placing 3rd.



Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is deeply grateful to all the local organizations, sponsors, and community members who participate year after year, helping to ensure the success of this important event. Your ongoing support plays a vital role in enriching the lives of our 4-H youth.



## Holiday Closing

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Payments after office hours and on holidays can be made at the kiosk under the drive thru canopy, by calling our automated telephone service at 1-844-967-2463, placed in the night deposit box or you may choose to utilize the convenience of online bill-pay by logging on to **ememc.com**.

To report a emergency after hours, please call 1-800-690-0657.

# Empowering the Future: ECU Student Receives Electric Cooperative Scholarship

A scholarship can be a significant difference maker for a student, enabling them to invest fully in their education and explore opportunities beyond the classroom. North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives recognize this, which is why each year, they award a scholarship to an East Carolina University (ECU) College of Engineering student who exemplifies cooperative principles and makes a positive impact in their community.

This year's recipient, Patrick Jones, a junior at ECU, is no stranger to the Cooperative Difference. His mother was a past recipient of a Bright Ideas grant, and growing up in a cooperative-supported community has deepened his connection to these values. Jones, who was born and raised in Macclesfield, expressed his gratitude for being selected by the cooperative.

"I've spent my entire life in eastern North Carolina, and I know the impact that electric cooperatives have on rural communities like mine," Jones shared. "To be selected by the cooperatives for a scholarship is a tremendous honor."

Jones' passion for engineering was sparked by his grandfather, who earned an engineering degree in 1968 and went on to work in the industrial engineering field. This family influence, along with the electrical classes Jones took in high school, set him on his path to ECU.

The North Carolina Electric Cooperatives' Electrical Engineering Endowed Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who excels both academically and within their community. Jones plans to use his degree to give back to the rural communities that shaped him.

"My community is everything to me," said Jones. "Giving back to my community, and others like it, has always been my goal. I'm proud to have the cooperatives supporting me on that journey."

Winston Howell, CEO, presented the scholarship



to Jones at the awards program for ECU's College of Engineering and Technology. Howell emphasized the cooperative's commitment to investing in the future of North Carolina.

"Our electric cooperatives are proud to support hard-working students like Patrick," said Howell. "This scholarship reflects our dedication to both community and education, encouraging students to pursue careers that will shape the future."

Jones, who is set to graduate in the fall of 2025, said the scholarship will allow him to focus more on his studies and less on financial stress.

"This takes a lot of pressure off me, letting me focus on my degree and my experiences," said Jones. "What the cooperatives are doing for students like me is incredible and truly reflects their values as an organization."

## Aces for Autism

Our donation drive for Aces for Autism has begun!

Help us support families by donating pull-ups, diapers, individual snacks, and juices. Drop off your contributions at our office throughout November and December during business hours. Let's make a difference.



Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is excited to award \$10,005.54 in Bright Ideas education grants to nine dedicated local educators. These grants will enable them to implement creative and engaging projects in their classrooms, benefitting over 2,000 students across Edgecombe, Martin, and Pitt counties.

We are honored to support such passionate and innovative educators. Their projects will not only enhance student engagement but also foster creative thinking, encourage exploration beyond traditional boundaries, and equip students with valuable skills that will help them become future leaders. While educators often have brilliant ideas for enriching the classroom experience, they may lack the funding to bring those ideas to life—this is where the Bright Ideas grant program steps in.

The recipients of this year’s Bright Ideas grants include:

- Kimberly Long – Edgecombe Early College
- Ashley Davis – Edgecombe Early College
- Jennifer Lewis – North East Carolina Prep
- Morgan Hardison – North East Carolina Prep
- Paula Greenwaldt – North East Carolina Prep
- Heather Jones – North East Carolina Prep School
- Brandy Davis – Belvoir Elementary
- Trudy Garris – Stokes Elementary
- Sarah Lawrence – Bear Grass Charter School

These grants will support projects in various subjects, including music, art, history, reading, science, math, and more. The Bright Ideas program is specifically designed to help local educators bring innovative concepts to life, expand learning opportunities, and enhance student success in K-12 classrooms.

As one of 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina offering these grants, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is proud to continue this tradition of supporting local education. Over the past 30 years, North Carolina’s electric cooperatives have awarded nearly \$16 million in Bright Ideas funding, supporting 14,700 projects and positively impacting over 3.65 million students.

The Bright Ideas program reflects Edgecombe-Martin County EMC’s ongoing commitment to fostering a brighter future through educational support. Teachers are encouraged to apply for the next round of grants,

with applications open annually from April through mid-September. A panel of judges evaluates proposals and selects recipients through a competitive process.

To stay updated on the impact of Bright Ideas grants in your community, follow Edgecombe-Martin County EMC on social media @Edgecombe-Martin on Facebook and Instagram. For more information on the program or to apply, visit [ncbrightideas.com](http://ncbrightideas.com) or follow @NCBrightIdeas on Facebook and Twitter.

Cooperatively,

*Monica Speight*  
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***Bright Ideas Winner Ashley Davis and Principal Matt Smith from Edgecombe Early College with Monica Speight, EMC-EMC manager of communications, and Winston Howell, CEO***

# Committed to Teaching Electricity Safety

With the school year in full swing, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is excited to share two engaging electricity safety demonstrations for educators.

For younger students, we offer a table-top safety demo ideal for Kindergarten through 5th grade. This interactive program is free and can accommodate up to 30 children, focusing on key electricity safety practices.

For older students (grades 6-12) and adult groups like first responders, we bring our high-voltage demonstration trailer to you. Powered by a generator, it showcases the dangers of working near power lines and high-voltage equipment, using electricity to emphasize safety precautions.

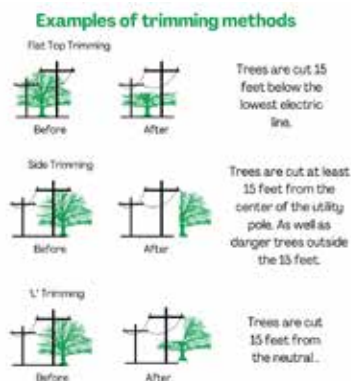
To schedule a demo, contact Monica Speight at 252-823-2171.



## November Rights-of-Way Schedule

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.

Throughout November Burford's Tree Service will finish up utilizing sky trim, bucket trucks, and bush hogging equipment in at various hotspots throughout our system.



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