

Tideland Topics

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Recognition of service

At the April 5 Annual Meeting of North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives in Raleigh, three Tideland EMC directors, Mark Carawan, Garry Jordan and Paul Sasnett, were recognized for their length of service and contributions to our State's electric cooperatives throughout their tenure. We appreciate their continuing commitment to our membership.



Mark D. Carawan
35 years



Garry Jordan
25 years



Paul Sasnett
20 years

Amirea Gibbs selected again

Tideland's 2022 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour representative, Amirea Gibbs made another strong showing this year, garnering the top score in this year's selection of college scholarship recipients from the Tideland Electric Care Trust.

Learn about all our scholarship recipients starting on page 16.





Steven Harris Retirement

Line superintendent Steven Harris retired from Tideland in late February. His career with the co-op came in two separate tenures for a total of 19 years of service.

His most recent tenure at Tideland EMC was as a Journeyman Lineman, Line Superintendent in Grantsboro, and Line Superintendent on Ocracoke.

Steven was instrumental in recovery efforts during two of our most serious hurricanes: Irene and Florence. He also positioned Tideland for the long term by assisting with the development of qualified personnel in both the co-op's Grantsboro and Ocracoke Districts.

The Tideland EMC work force and members of the electric cooperative have been left well prepared for years to come not only due to the willingness of Steven to assist others in their individual professional development, but also due to his daily commitment to our organization and his accomplished career.

We wish him all the best in his post-retirement endeavors.

Saluting our college scholarship winners

Eight to receive up to \$1,000 in scholarship funding from the Tideland Electric Care Trust

Established in the spring of 2000, the Tideland Electric Care Trust awards eight \$1,000 college scholarships annually. Applicants must be the legal dependent of a Tideland EMC member.

Two of the eight scholarships are reserved for students planning to attend a community college. Community college scholarships are paid as follows: \$500 for the first academic year and \$500 for the second academic year with proof of continued enrollment. The remaining awardees receive a one-time scholarship of \$1,000. Congratulations to each of our scholars!



Abigail Bass
Northside High School

Abigail is the daughter of Michael and Heather Bass of Bath. She will attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington majoring in social work with a minor in forensic science. She plans to pursue a career in forensic social work.



Amirea Gibbs
Mattamuskeet High School

Amirea is the daughter of Kenneth and Chanta Rickard of Fairfield, and the late Marlon Thigpen. She will attend North Carolina Central University in Durham pursuing a degree in Nursing.



Brandon Arthur
Northside High School

Brandon is the son of Chad and Debbie Arthur of Belhaven. He will be attending Barton College in Wilson. Brandon's intended major is business with a minor in criminal justice. He has also signed a letter of commitment to continue his baseball career with the Barton Bulldogs.



Caitlyn Spencer
Pungo Christian Academy

Caitlyn is the daughter of William and Jessica Spencer of Scranton. She will participate in Partnership Teach by attending Beaufort County Community College for two years before transferring to East Carolina University to complete her bachelors in one of four teaching degrees.



Gabriella Jordan
Northside High School

Gabby is the daughter of Matthew and Dana Jordan of Pantego. She will begin her college career at Beaufort County Community College. While undecided about her eventual career path, she has an interest in nursing and other medical related studies.



Layla Prescott
Pamlico County High School

Layla is the daughter of John and Kim Prescott of New Bern. She will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Layla plans to build on her lifelong love of fossils and the physical earth by majoring in geology and public policy with an emphasis in environmental law.



Lelia Jones
Southside High School

Lelia is the daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Jones of Washington. She will attend East Carolina University. Lelia's intended major is nursing with a minor in child development. She then plans to enroll in the Nurse of Anesthesia Program for her Master's degree in that field.



Mason Newman
Northside High School

Mason is the son of Kevin and Kamala Newman of Washington. He will study business and economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mason's goal is to then obtain a Masters of Accounting prior to taking the Certified Public Accountant exam.

Rights-of-way maintenance schedule

Tideland has hired Gunnison Tree to manage vegetation in our rights-of-way.

During June, Gunnison will be trimming along the Tideland office tap off the Merritt circuit before moving to the Cayton Road circuit out of Fairfield Harbour substation.

Lee Electrical Construction crews will be working on infrastructure improvement projects on the Lowland circuit out of our Edward substation. Their work will be focused on the Campbell Creek, Tetterton Road and Vinegar Hill areas.

Osmose will be conducting pole inspections in Ocracoke through June before moving to the Lowland circuit in Beaufort and Pamlico counties. Keep in mind that these inspections often include a hammer test to determine pole integrity along with digging at the base of the pole. Pole integrity is key to outage prevention and public safety so we appreciate your support.



Be sure to give all utility crews wide berth when approaching them on public roadways.

Message to members

'Tis the season for hurricane preparedness

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Hurricane season runs from June 1 - November 30. Here are some important safety reminders.

- Carefully inspect the outside of your home and check for downed or damaged power lines.
- Stay clear of downed power lines and know they can be lurking underneath water or debris. Never assume a wire is safe to touch, even if power is out or if the cable appears to be insulated. Always assume they are energized at deadly voltages.
- Stay at least 10 feet away from all wires and lines—overhead or elsewhere—during cleanup and other activities. Make sure you look up for overhead lines before beginning your task.
- Never use appliances, electronics or other plugged-in items that are wet.
- Take special care in flooded rooms, which can present an electrocution hazard. Even if your neighborhood or area has lost power, there could be back-fed power caused by a neighbor's generator. Water in a flooded room, wet carpet, puddles of water or other damp areas,

regardless of location, could be electrified.

In 2020, at least eight Louisiana deaths associated with Hurricane Laura were due to carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Using equipment such as generators, charcoal grills and camp stoves can cause CO to build up in your home.

- NEVER use a generator or gasoline-powered or coal-burning equipment inside your home, basement or garage, and keep such items at least 20 feet from any window, door or vent.
- Never heat your home with a gas oven.
- Never run a vehicle inside an attached garage, even with the garage door up.
- Never go without CO detectors in your home, and be aware of the symptoms of CO poisoning (there are many, but they include headaches, difficulty breathing and feeling lightheaded or drowsy). Detectors that feature battery backup are a good idea for times when the power goes out.

5 WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

When summer temperatures rise, so do our energy bills. Here are a few ways you can reduce energy use and grow your summer savings.

- 1. Raise your thermostat.**
The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temp, the more you'll save.
- 2. Install window coverings**
like blinds or light-blocking curtains to prevent indoor heat gain during the day.

- 3. Seal leaks with caulk and weatherstripping** around windows and exterior doors. Air leaks force your air conditioner to work harder and run longer than necessary.
- 4. Run ceiling fans** for additional cooling but turn them off when you leave the room.
- 5. Lower your water heater thermostat** to 120 degrees to reduce standby heat loss.



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