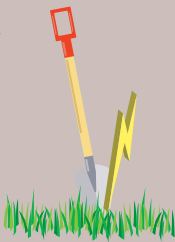




## Dial Before Digging

You never really know what's below the surface when you dig. You may chop right into underground power lines. In addition to causing outages, this is very dangerous. Before digging in your yard, have the underground electric lines located. Please give us three days notice before you dig. Call us at (252) 426-5735.



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## Qualifications Set for Board Candidates

To ensure Albemarle EMC is governed professionally and ethically, the co-op's bylaws contain a list of qualifications for anyone seeking a seat on the board of directors.

To become or remain a director, a person must comply with or meet the following:

- Have the capacity to enter legally binding contracts.
- Be a member of the cooperative.
- Reside principally in the directorate district from which a director is to be chosen, and continuously and materially use, receive, or purchase electricity from the cooperative at the member's primary residence.
- Possess a valid high school diploma or equivalent certification;
- Must not have been convicted of a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
- A member shall be disqualified from being or remaining a director, as a result of a conflict of interest, if the member is a current, former, or retired employee currently receiving any benefit from an electric supplier or is the spouse of a current, former, or retired employee currently receiving any benefit from an electric supplier; provided, however, a former employee who is not a retiree currently receiving any benefit from the cooperative and has not worked for the Cooperative within seven years of the date of the relevant director election or selection is not disqualified.
- The member is a close relative of a current director or of an employee of an electric supplier.
- The member is employed by, materially affiliated with, or shares a material financial interest with any other director.
- The member is or has been employed by, materially affiliated with, or has a material financial interest in any individual or entity which regularly, directly or substantially competes with the cooperative or its subsidiary or affiliates, including investor-owned utilities or municipalities providing similar services provided by the cooperative.
- The member is employed by, materially affiliated with, or has a material financial interest in any individual or entity which regularly sells goods or services to the cooperative or any cooperative subsidiary or affiliate.
- The member seeks or applies for employment with the cooperative. Any director seeking to be employed by the cooperative must submit his or her board resignation prior to such time as he or she submits an application for employment or otherwise solicits the cooperative for such employment.

Elections for contested board seats will be held at the Annual Meeting on Sept. 24.

# Bright Ideas Grant Competition Under Way

Teachers can now apply for grants through Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation's Bright Ideas program.

Albemarle EMC will award a total of \$10,000 to fund winning classroom projects for grades kindergarten through 12th. Teachers can apply by visiting [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com) and filling out an online application. The deadline to apply is Sept. 23. Teachers who submit their application prior to the Aug. 15 early-bird deadline will be entered in a drawing for a \$500 Visa gift card.

"We are proud of the difference this program is making to the quality of education in the Albemarle region," said Zach Bray, interim general manager for Albemarle EMC."

Bright Ideas grants help finance classroom projects that would otherwise not receive funding. Since its inception, the Bright Ideas grant program has sponsored more than 7,000 projects benefiting more than 1.3 million students.

## Save the Date, Give a Child Christmas

Please save the date of Tuesday, Oct. 4 to participate in Albemarle EMC's fourth annual Light Up Christmas golf tournament.

The tournament will be held in Hertford at the Sound Golf Links at Albemarle Plantation, a Dan Maples signature golf course. The course features plush fairways and immaculate greens that run along age-old marshes. All tournament proceeds will go toward Albemarle EMC's Light Up Christmas toy drive. If you would like to register, please call Gary Ray at (252) 426-5735.



## Disconnection Leads to Security Deposit Payment

Disconnected for non-pay triggers a charge members need to be aware of. If an account has been disconnected because of non-pay, a maximum security deposit will be charged. Albemarle EMC will try to work with members by allowing the deposit to be paid in monthly installments. A member's security deposit may be refunded back, upon request, if a member-in-good-standing status has been maintained for 12 consecutive months. A member in good standing is defined as having no more than one delinquency, no bad checks, no disconnections for non-pay and has not been involved in power theft. Please call our office at (252) 426-5735, if you have questions.

## Line Truck Demonstrated to School Children



*Lineman Matt Byrum shows school children how he operates the bucket during an event at White Oak Elementary School. School children were introduced to all types of vehicles from the various businesses and government agencies throughout the Albemarle region.*

## Director Recognized



*L.A. Harris, president of Albemarle EMC, was recently recognized for 35 years of service on the co-op's board of directors. Harris received a plaque at the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives' annual meeting.*

## AEMC Prepares for Move

Albemarle EMC employees have been working hard to discard outdated materials and equipment prior to moving out of the old office and into the new one.

In order to transition to the new building, the co-op plans to close the office Friday, June 24. Co-op employees will work Friday through Sunday to move into the new building so normal operations can commence on Monday, June 27. Emergency calls will continue to be addressed through the transition period. "We will notify the membership, if these dates change," said Zach Bray, interim general manager.

The new building is located in Perquimans County, on the corner of Creek Drive and Highway 17.



*Maintenance technician Howard Holley helps load outdated documents into a mobile paper shredder.*



## At Your Service

How Albemarle EMC works to provide its members with the highest-quality service possible.

### Questions You Should Ask Yourself

#### When was your HVAC system last repaired or tuned up?

If you can't remember when the last time was you had your air conditioner or heat pump serviced, chances are it's not running at peak efficiency. A good heating and air conditioning technician will check the level of refrigerant and clean out vegetation that may be restricting performance.

#### How often do you change your HVAC system filter?

Air filters are located in the return of a heating and air system, cleaning the air as it is drawn from inside of the house to be either heated or cooled. A dirty air filter chokes off the air flow to the system, meaning your unit will have to run longer and harder to heat and cool the house.

#### Do you keep your fireplace flue closed when not in use?

It is a common mistake to leave the flue of a chimney open after using a fireplace. The chimney will continue to do what it was designed for, to draft air up and out of the house. Because dampers are not entirely air tight, inflatable chimney plugs are available that totally block the flow of air up a chimney.

#### Have any workers been working around your ductwork? (plumbers, pest control, etc.)

Sometimes, ductwork is knocked loose by workers or even animals that get under a house. If you notice a room that is particularly hot or cold, the ductwork may have been knocked loose from the boot attached to the subfloor, and conditioned air is no longer reaching that room.

#### 5. Have you noticed your heat pump running more than usual?

If your heat pump seems to run constantly, it means that it is no longer producing sufficiently cool or hot air to turn the thermostat off. The most likely cause is that your heating and air system no longer has sufficient refrigerant to perform the task. Another cause is significantly leaking ductwork.

#### Have you installed a programmable thermostat?

You can save about 10 percent on your heating and cooling bills by simply turning back your thermostat 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours a day. A programmable thermostat enables you to control the heating and air system when you are not at home or are asleep. For example, you can program the thermostat to drop back 15 degrees when you are at work, then program it to return to a normal setting just before you arrive home. Programmable thermostats work great for heat pumps when cooling, but not when they are heating.

#### Have you been running your HVAC system fan on On while in cooling mode?

When adjusting a thermostat, people sometimes mistakenly switch the fan setting to On, which forces the air handler to run constantly. The fan switch should be set to auto, which turns the air handler fan on only when the air conditioner or heater is running.

#### Have you closed off any rooms or closed any registers?

Isolated rooms prevent conditioned air from reaching the thermostat.

### Basketball Camp Winners Selected



*Cole Turner recently was selected to attend the Roy Williams basketball camp at the University of North Carolina. He is accompanied by school guidance counselor Tula Polvadore.*

Two local student-athletes recently won the opportunity to attend two of the most prestigious basketball camps in the country.

Chowan Middle School student Cole Turner will attend the Roy Williams Basketball Camp, at the University of North Carolina. Janah Hassell, a student at Camden Middle School, will attend the Kellie Harper Basketball Camp, at North Carolina State University.

The students applied for the camps and were chosen based on the quality of their submitted essays as well as their academic achievements and extracurricular activities. The essays were judged by a selection committee at the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives, in Raleigh.

The girls' basketball camp, which will be held in July, will be

hosted by the coaches and players of the N.C. State University women's basketball team. The Roy Williams camp, which will be held in June, will be hosted by Roy Williams, coach of the 2004 and 2009 National Champion Tar Heels, as well as members of his team.

"This is a very special opportunity for these student-athletes, and we at Albemarle EMC are delighted to be able to send them," said Zach Bray, interim general manager of Albemarle EMC.



*Janah Hassell was selected to attend the Kellie Harper basketball camp at N.C. State University. She is accompanied by Ernest Cooley, principal of Camden Middle School.*