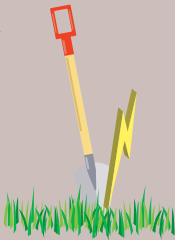




## Dial Before Digging

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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## Morgan's Corner Substation to Increase Reliability



By the time you read this, the substation located at Morgan's Corner in Pasquotank County could be powered up and distributing electricity. For the past several months, the 12-mile stretch of 115,000-volt line connecting the Tanglewood Substation to the Morgan's Corner Substation has been under construction. Once the transmission line is complete, the Morgan's Corner Substation will be ready to receive and distribute electricity to the northern portion of Albemarle EMC's service area. Work on the transmission line was nearing completion at press time.

Having reached capacity, the old Morgan's Corner metering point was modernized with a new substation. The new transmission line and substation will provide far more reliable service to parts of northern Pasquotank, because the new infrastructure will carry enough load to supply both existing consumers and future consumers for many years to come. In addition the Morgan's Corner substation will be fed by Albemarle EMC's Tanglewood substation, located near Elizabeth City. This means that Albemarle EMC will be able to restore outages faster and provide more reliable service.

"This new transmission line will provide the electrical capacity needed for northern Pasquotank County, which is growing rapidly," said Brad Furr, general manager of Albemarle EMC.

## Food Bank Receives ACT Grant

The Open Door of Perquimans County, a food bank based in Winfall, will be able to purchase a significant amount of food, thanks to a grant from the Albemarle Community Trust.

The \$5,000 grant will enable the food bank to purchase about 30,000 pounds of food. Typically, six pounds of food can be purchased for every dollar donated. "We are committed to fighting hunger and poverty," said Dick Carlson, chairman of the food bank's board of directors.

Initiated in 2001, the Albemarle Community Trust is funded by Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation members who agree to have their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. The amounts by which the bills are rounded up are then put into the fund. The donations average \$6 per year per participating member. The grants are awarded by a nine member board consisting of volunteers from the local community.



*Dick Carlson, chairman of the Open Door of Perquimans County, accepts a check for \$5,000.*

# Local Student Honored at Basketball Game

Kiana Rivers of River Road Middle School was among the 21 young women recognized for receiving a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarship to attend the 2008 Kay Yow Basketball Camp, sponsored by Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. The scholarship recipients were honored during a special halftime presentation at the Wolfpack Women's basketball game against the University of Florida Lady Gators.

Kiana was awarded a scholarship to attend the 2008 Kay Yow Basketball Camp at North Carolina State University last June from Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation.

The scholarship winners and their guests were given tickets to attend the game and were treated to a catered lunch when they arrived at Reynolds Coliseum. At halftime, the scholarship recipients were recognized on the court, receiving a certificate of achievement from Morgan Lashley, a representative from North Carolina's Association of Electric Cooperatives. Mr. and Mrs. Wuf, North Carolina State University's mascots, also greeted the young women on the court.

Kiana was selected as a 2008 Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarship winner because of her outstanding application and accompanying essay. Across the state, 28 young women received Touchstone Energy scholarships to attend the Kay Yow camp.

"Albemarle EMC was delighted to reunite the Touchstone Energy scholarship winners and continue their educational experience by inviting them to an exciting, Division I collegiate game," said Chris Powell, director of public relations.



*Kiana Rivers (third from right), winner of a 2008 Kay Yow Basketball Camp scholarship, receives a certificate of accomplishment from Morgan Lashley, a representative of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.*

## 2009 Basketball Camp Applications Being Accepted

Albemarle EMC is accepting applications for the 2009 Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarships in January. Statewide, these scholarships will send 27 deserving young women in 6th-8th grades to the Kay Yow Basketball Camp at North Carolina State University and 27 deserving young men in 6th-8th grades to the Roy Williams Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The deadline for applications to both camps is March 27, 2009. To request an application, contact Chris Powell at 426-5735.

## Where Do Your Energy Dollars Go?

Before you can begin to make your home as energy efficient as possible you must first know where your energy dollars are going.

About 56 percent of your electric bill goes to either the air conditioner or the heater.

The second largest consumer of electricity in a home is the water heater, which accounts for about 16 percent of your bill. Individual appliances and lighting are tied for third. Each appliance consumes about 5 percent your bill. All of the lighting in a house also consumes about 5 percent of the bill.

# Years of Service Recognized

The following employees and directors were recently awarded service pins for their years of service at Albemarle EMC:

Liz Alons, administrative assistant, five years; Roy O'Neal, crew leader, 20; Clarissa Perry, work order accountant, 20; Wayne Baker, serviceman, 30; Glenn Parks, crew leader, 30; Jonetta Long, office services manager, 35; Tony Webb, director, 15; Glenn Carey, director, 20; Virgie Whitehurst, director, 20. In addition, Albemarle Community Trust directors Jean Bell and Lee Jordan Jr. were each awarded pins for five years of service.



## Home Energy Web Site Available

Albemarle EMC members have a new way to calculate home energy savings.

The Touchstone Energy Home Energy Saver site helps consumers identify the energy conservation methods that will save them the most energy and money. By logging onto this site, consumers can input data about their homes to quickly determine the best energy-saving methods. For example, the site shows how much money a homeowner would save by installing insulation in the attic as well as how long it would take to get back the initial investment. The link is located on the right side of Albemarle EMC's web site home page.



*The Home Energy Saver web site is a great tool to help members pinpoint savings in their home.*



## At Your Service

A bi-monthly look at how Albemarle EMC works to provide high-quality service to its co-op members.

### Ask Your Legislator About Energy Policy

A new president and congress will present electric cooperatives with both opportunities and challenges going into 2009.

President Barack Obama has made it clear that he intends to support sweeping changes to current energy policies. Unfortunately, the proposal that advanced the farthest in Washington, D.C. in 2008 could raise electric rates by 40 percent. Most consumers simply cannot afford that kind of increase. Indeed, there is much to be won and lost in 2009, and efforts are already under way to position cooperatives as favorably as possible in Washington, D.C.

Lobbying efforts at our nation's capital are often viewed with skepticism by the general public, and deservedly so. Many companies use for-hire lobbyists to protect or expand their bottom lines - sometimes at the expense of taxpayers.

You may not realize that electric cooperatives also have lobbyists who work in Washington, D.C. Electric cooperatives, such as Albemarle EMC, spend considerable time and resources lobbying congress on your behalf. Because we are a not-for-profit utility, we are not concerned with profit margins. Instead, we are only concerned with protecting our members. When it comes to energy legislation, electric cooperatives may be the only friends you as a consumer have in Washington, D.C.

To help individual members such as yourself assume a more

important role, the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association has developed the Our Energy, Our Future (OEOF) campaign. The campaign primarily consists of a set of three questions, which you can send to your representatives in congress. The questions are as follows:

1. What is your plan to make sure we have the electricity we'll need as we reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the future?
2. What are you doing to fully fund the research required to make emissions-free electric plants an affordable reality?
3. How much will all this increase my electric bill, and what will you do to make it affordable?

It is up to the individual consumers to bring elected official's attention to the need for a balanced energy plan. You don't need to be an energy expert to ask questions. Your questions will help our elected officials set climate change goals that keep electric bills affordable. To make things easy, a Web site is available that will send a question from you, directly to your representatives. Go to [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) and plug in your address. There you'll be able to ask a series of questions to your representatives in Washington.

To avert an energy crisis, the federal government must exercise true leadership on both the environment and reliable energy supply. Without

leadership and a sound energy strategy, government risks the reliability of our electric system and the ability of many Americans to afford electricity.

Your cooperative is not here to make a profit, but instead operates to provide you with reliable and safe electric energy at a reasonable cost.

We know we're going to need more energy as we grow, especially here in northeast North Carolina. We are also committed to supplying energy without compromising the environment, our lifestyles and our budgets. What we need is a balanced approach to managing our future energy needs.



The Our Energy, Our Future web site enables visitors to quickly send a letter to their legislators, asking them a series of questions. The questions relate to electrical capacity, research funding and cost.