

# Power Lines



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## We need your voice to be heard!

*Dear Haywood EMC Member,*

In this month's bill, you will see a new line item titled "NC Renewable Energy Law." This is to recover your electric cooperative's cost to comply with North Carolina's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS) signed into law in August 2007.

In addition to North Carolina's REPS mandates already implemented, on the federal level in Washington, D.C., there is pending legislation for both a REPS and climate change that promises to increase your energy costs even more.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

A quick analysis of what Congress is considering today involves combining renewable and energy efficiency mandates, as well as costs associated with decreasing greenhouse gases to battle climate change. This could add as much as \$40 a month to the average cooperative consumer electric bill in

North Carolina. That is an increase of \$480 more a year. This may be a low figure as carbon costs may rise considerably more depending on decisions made by the Administration and the Congress in the coming months. Where will much of this money go? Washington, D.C.

**We really do need your immediate help!** Climate change legislation is almost certain this year. We will continue the fight for meaningful, achievable, legislation that is affordable. We support meaningful, achievable legislation, as defined by a program outlined by the Electric Power Research Institute. Given the almost certainty of climate change legislation this year, we must be an active participant in the design of this legislation.

**Our window of opportunity to be heard is closing!** The voice of citizens is a powerful force in Washington and

we need you. You can make a difference on this issue that's critical to our future. Let your Congressional representatives know that they need to find a balanced solution for climate change.

A call to make affordable electricity the central consideration in climate change legislation is a call to do the right thing. The wrong choices on the issue would devastate our economy and our future. Help us help you. Please go to [www.findabalancedsolution.com](http://www.findabalancedsolution.com) or call toll-free 1-877-40BALANCE (877-40-225-2623), today. Let's hope they will listen to you!

Sincerely,  
*Norman Sloan*  
Executive Vice President/General Manager



*Norman Sloan*

## Haywood EMC awards basketball camp scholarships

Haywood EMC awarded Ezra Wyatt of Canton Middle the N.C. State Women's Basketball Camp Scholarship and Kyle Mendez of ABAK Academy the Roy Williams Basketball Camp Scholarship. Ezra is the daughter of Chuck and Ronda Wyatt and Kyle is the son of Brandon and Amy Mendez.

Winners were selected by a panel of judges who reviewed an application that included an essay about the students' reason for wanting to participate in the camp. Ezra and Kyle were selected based on the excellence of their applications and accompanying essays. The N.C. State Women's Basketball Camp will be held June 21-25 at N.C. State University

and the Roy Williams Basketball Camp will be held June 21-25 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Haywood EMC is excited to have the opportunity to send these deserving young co-op members to basketball camps with nationally renowned coaches. The staff of the N.C. State Women's Camp includes the current N.C. State Women's basketball players. The Roy Williams Camp is led by 2009 NCAA National Championship Coach Roy Williams and current and past UNC Tarheel basketball players. Both camps will work closely with each camper to help develop fundamental skills. Individual and team competition will



*Ezra Wyatt*



*Kyle Mendez*

provide opportunities to challenge young athletes to perform and to excel, both on and off the court. The Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship program is part of the electric cooperatives' ongoing commitment to North Carolina communities.

# Haywood EMC high school students awarded \$5,000 in scholarships

Haywood EMC is proud to announce the 2009 winners of the Haywood EMC Touchstone Energy Scholarships.

This is the third year HEMC has awarded the annual Touchstone Energy Scholarships, which was created to bring awareness of Touchstone Energy and its relationship with electric cooperatives. All seniors enrolled in high schools serving the eight-county HEMC territory are eligible for this scholarship. Five entries were received this year. The recipients of the scholarship were Kolton Green, Stephen Leatherwood and Thomas Moman.

**Kolton Green** is a 2009 graduate of Pisgah High School. He was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. He plans to enroll in the Business College at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte. He is a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout and

spends many hours volunteering for local community organizations.

**Stephen Leatherwood** is a 2009 graduate of Pisgah High School. He was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. He plans to study Environmental science at Lenoir-Rhyne University or Western Carolina University. He is an avid football and baseball player and member of the Junior American Angus Association.

**Thomas Moman** is a 2009 graduate of Rosman High School. He was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. He plans to study Engineering at North Carolina State University or Missouri University of Science and Technology. He has com-



*Kolton Green*



*Stephen Leatherwood*



*Thomas Moman*

pleted two 45-hour internships at Transylvania Community Hospital and has earned 15 hours of flight towards a private pilot's license.

Haywood EMC congratulates all of these scholarships winners. Information for our Touchstone Energy Scholarship can be found on our Web site, [www.haywoodemc.com](http://www.haywoodemc.com), and schools will be notified when applications are due for the next school year.

## Teachers: get your Bright Ideas grant applications in early!



**BRIGHT IDEAS**

Haywood EMC's annual Bright Ideas education grant program is in full swing for 2009, and it pays to apply early. Because of the success of previous "Early Bird" incentive plans, we have decided to do it again this year! If a teacher submits an application before August 17, 2009, they will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 VISA card. The winning teacher will be notified the day of the drawing.

"In the past, teachers have waited until the last day to apply for a grant," said Ken Thomas, manager of Marketing and Communications. "Because we receive so many online applications on our deadline date, the Web site often gets bombarded with traffic, and creates Web site difficulties. The goal of the "Early Bird" incentive plan is to encourage teachers to apply early and prevent Web site problems."

North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives have earmarked at least \$500,000 for classroom-based projects through their funding of the Bright Ideas education grant program for the 2009-2010 school year. Teachers can learn about the program and apply online at [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available through Haywood EMC. The deadline for teachers to submit a Bright Ideas grant application is September 18, 2009. Certified K-12 teachers in North Carolina are eligible to apply for a Bright Ideas grant. The Bright Ideas education grant program is currently the only program in the state exclusively for classroom educators.

Look for full details of the Bright Ideas program at [www.haywoodemc.com](http://www.haywoodemc.com). For more than 15 years, North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives' Bright Ideas grants have financed innovative classroom projects that would otherwise go unfunded. Over the years, North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives have sponsored a variety of hands-on projects, including activities in music, art, history, language, reading, science, career planning and information technology.

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