

**TIDELAND ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**

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## **Tideland EMC Donates Box Fans**

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**Pantego**— As summer officially arrived, officials with Tideland Electric Membership Corporation donated box fans to agencies in six counties intended for distribution to the elderly and homebound. The drop off locations included the Department of Social Services in Washington, Beaufort and Dare counties as well as the senior citizens centers in Hyde, Pamlico and Craven counties. Tideland EMC allows each agency to establish its own criteria for fan distribution. Over 100 fans were delivered by the electric cooperative.

“The elderly are particularly susceptible to heat related illnesses,” said Tideland board president Paul Sasnett. “Many have either inadequate air conditioning or none at all. Others choose not to run their units due to limited finances. The box fans are inexpensive to operate and greatly diminish health risks on warm days.”

The public is reminded that when temperatures exceed 95 degrees air conditioned shelter should be sought. A fan used in such extreme conditions could in fact raise body temperatures and bring about the onset of heat related illness.

“For those trying to keep energy costs to a minimum, the fans allow them to raise their air conditioning thermostat a few degrees,” added Sasnett. “It’s practical advice for anyone concerned about utility bills during the summer season.”

Tideland EMC is a member-owned, not for profit cooperative serving more than 22,800 accounts in eastern North Carolina.

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PHOTO: Tideland EMC board president Paul Sasnett delivers box fans to Beaufort County Department of Social Services’ Kristen Lankford.

