



# Tideland Topics

*Real People. Real Power.*

## Bright Ideas *classroom grants*

Teachers, it is time to apply for Bright Ideas classroom grants for the 2021-2022 school year. Maximum grant award per project is \$2,000.

To begin the online application process visit [ncbrightideas.com](http://ncbrightideas.com). Submit your application by August 16 to be eligible for Early Bird prize drawings. Final deadline is September 10.



## Hurricane season 2021

June 1 officially kicks off the start of the 2020 hurricane season. Take time now to review your home and business preparedness plans. That should include doing any required maintenance on backup generators to make sure they are ready for service.

Summer thunderstorms also increase the risk of surge damage so be sure to invest in quality protective devices for electronics and other sensitive loads.





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## WAYS TO BEAT THE HEAT AND SAVE ENERGY

1. Use fans to keep cool, which will allow you to raise the thermostat on your HVAC system.

Remember: fans cool people, not rooms so shut fans off when you exit.

2. Use blackout curtains and close shades and shutters to reduce heat gain from the sun.

3. Minimize indoor humidity by using exhaust fans while cooking and bathing. Keep lids on pots and pans while cooking. Reduce the number of indoor plants that require frequent watering.

# Saluting our college scholarship winners

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



Chana Moore  
Washington County Early College High School

Chana is the daughter of Adam and Kim Moore of Plymouth. She will be attending UNC-Greensboro. Her intended major is history. Chana hopes to one day become a museum archivist or curator.



Ryan Cornelius  
Northside High School

Ryan is the son of Ernest and Jennifer Cornelius of Washington. He will attend NC Wesleyan where he looks forward to continuing his baseball career. He will major in criminal justice.



Bianca Nicole Torres  
Terra Ceia Christian School

The daughter of Edward and Suzanne Torres of Swan Quarter, Bianca will be attending East Carolina University in the fall. Her intended major is nursing. She hopes to eventually become an emergency room physician.



Destiny Chance  
Mattamuskeet Early College High School

Destiny is the daughter of Marvin and Angela Chance of Fairfield. She will major in biology at East Carolina University She plans to pursue a career in the medical field.





Douglas "Diggs" Niethammer  
Epiphany School of Global Studies

Douglas is the son of Douglas and Betsy Niethammer of Aurora. He will be enrolled in the combined structural pipe welding program at the Arkansas Elite Welding Academy in Quitman, Arkansas.



Ruthie Askew  
Terra Ceia Christian School

The daughter of Billy and Penny Askew of Pinetown, Ruthie will be enrolled in the college transfer program at Beaufort County Community College. Her intended major is nursing with eventual transfer to East Carolina University to complete her bachelors degree.



Emanuel Cole Cullipher  
Bear Grass Charter School

Cole is the son of Ellis and Ashley Cullipher of Bath. In addition to his studies at Bear Grass Charter School, he has participated in the dual enrollment program at Beaufort County Community College. He will attend East Carolina University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.



Catherine Cutler  
Unity Christian Academy  
and Cutler Christian Academy

The daughter of Gary and Gwynne Cutler of Aurora, Catherine will be attending East Carolina University in the fall. Her intended major is nursing with a minor in mathematics.



Corey Davis  
Gum Swamp School

Corey is the son of Robert and Dawn Davis of Engelhard. He will begin his college career at Beaufort County Community College before transferring to North Carolina State University. He will major in Natural Resources with hopes of becoming a wildlife officer.

## Rights-of-way maintenance schedule

During June, Lucas Tree Experts will be trimming our rights-of-way along North Lake Road and Highway 264 in Hyde County. Gunnison Tree Service will be trimming along the Highway 99 corridor.

Lee Electrical overhead line construction crews will be working at Orchard Creek and Spring Hope Road (Pamlico County) and along Shore Road (Washington County). River City crews will continue new ductile pole installations along Broad Creek Road and Highway 32 in Washington.

Osmose crews will continue pole inspections in our Engelhard operational district.

## Remembering Joe Smith



Tideland mourns the recent passing of retired lineman, Joe Smith. His first chapter of service with the cooperative was from November 1973 - May 1980 in our Pantego operational district. He returned as a journeyman lineman at Ocracoke from February 1995 - December 2017 for a total of 29 years of Tideland service. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

# Message to members

REAL PEOPLE.  
REAL POWER.

## June 1 ushers in the start of hurricane season

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The 2021 Atlantic hurricane season could see 15 to 18 named storms forming in the Atlantic basin, according to researchers at North Carolina State University. The Atlantic basin includes the entire Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

That number would put the season above average, even given a recent redefining of what “average” means – this year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced its current measure for average, based on the 30-year period between 1991 and 2020, is 14 named storms, with three major hurricanes. The previous measure for average, between the years 1981-2010, was 12 named storms.

Of the predicted storms this season, seven to nine may become hurricanes, with two to three possibly being major storms, according to the NC State forecast.

Analysts at Colorado State University’s Department of Atmospheric Science have made a similar forecast for the season, with an expected 17 named storms, eight of which could become hurricanes and four of which could become major storms.

“We anticipate an above-average probability for major hurricanes making landfall along the continental United States coastline and in the Caribbean,” CSU analysts said. “As is the case with all hurricane seasons, coastal residents are reminded that it only takes one hurricane making

landfall to make it an active season for them.”

Obviously one thing these annual forecasts can’t postulate is where tropical storms or hurricanes are most likely to make landfall. Unfortunately, experience tells us we will likely spend at least a portion of hurricane season glued to local weather updates, tracking a named storm and making preparations for possible impact.

Tideland takes past and future storms into account in its own infrastructure planning. Lessons learned provide valuable guidance for the co-op’s resiliency planning. I hope it guides your own planning as well both at home and at your place of business.

Increasingly more and more Tidelanders have taken the step of installing whole house generators that are installed in accordance with National Electric Safety Code regulations. Tideland has partnered with Electric Cooperative Federal Credit Union, located in Raleigh, to provide generator financing for qualifying members. You may reach out to Electel at 1-800-849-5600 or visit their website: [electel.org](http://electel.org). Many generator manufacturers also offer their own in-house financing options for turnkey projects.

While we certainly hope the 2021 hurricane season comes and goes without incident in Tideland territory, it is always wise to remember that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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