

Tideland Topics

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Recognition of service

At the April 5, 2023, Annual Meeting of North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives in Raleigh, three Tideland EMC directors, J. Douglas Brinson, Rudy Austin and David Ipock, were deservedly recognized for their length of service and contributions to our state's electric cooperatives throughout their tenure.



J. Douglas Brinson
35 years



Rudy Austin
15 years



David Ipock
15 years

We fund Bright Ideas!

Classroom teachers may now apply for Bright Ideas funding in amounts up to \$2,500 per grant. That's right: we've increased the maximum grant amount! Visit ncbrightideas.com to access the online application and learn more about the program. The final application deadline is Sep. 15, 2023.





Remembering Mary Waters

We are sad to announce the passing of Tideland retiree Mary Louise Waters on April 27, the day after her 69th birthday.

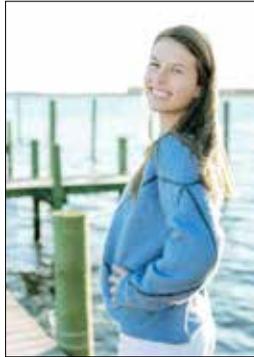
Mary graduated from Pantego High School in 1972. She graduated from Hardbarger Business College in 1974. She worked for several businesses in the Raleigh area before returning home to work at Tideland in Pantego as the Work Order Accountant from 1992 until her retirement in 2003.

Mary loved cats, beach music, and most of all, her family to whom she was affectionately known as Sissy. Mary was tight as a tick when it came to money and her favorite workday lunch in summer was a “mater” sandwich with Duke’s mayonnaise.

Mary was a wonderful co-worker and an equally great friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary’s husband Wayne Hopkins and her entire extended family during this difficult time.

Saluting our college scholarship winners

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



Abbey Cutler
Pungo Christian Academy

Abbey is the daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Caproni of Pantego. She will attend North Carolina State University where she will major in psychology and minor in business. Abbey intends to pursue a career as an occupational therapist.



Caleb Toler
Pamlico County High School

Caleb is the son of Allen and Amy Casey of New Bern. He will participate in North Carolina State University’s two-plus-two mechanical engineering degree program by completing his first two years at Craven Community College with a general associate’s degree in engineering.



Hannah Black
Northside High School

Hannah is the daughter of Doug Black and the late Michelle Black. She resides in Washington and will attend East Carolina University. Hannah will pursue a degree in business administration with a concentration in finance and accounting.



Hayden Bowen
Terra Ceia Christian School

Hayden is the son of Brian and Melissa Bown of Plymouth. He will attend East Carolina University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

CONGRATULATIONS! SENIOR Class of 2023



Lucas Cutler
Unity Christian Academy

Lucas is the son of Gary and Gwynne Cutler of Aurora. He will attend East Carolina University, majoring in communications with a minor in education. Lucas hopes to one day become a high school teacher.



Madison Allen
Northside High School

Madison is the daughter of Gray and Mary Allen of Plymouth. She will be attending Campbell University where she will obtain a degree in nursing. Her ultimate goal is to obtain a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and work as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).



Sara Nethercutt
Pamlico Christian Academy

Sara is the daughter of Barry and Sherry Nethercutt of Grantsboro. She will attend Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville. Sara will pursue an associates degree in dental hygiene.



Serena Dickinson
Washington Montessori

Serena is the daughter of Ricky and Maria Dickinson of Pinetown. She will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Serena will major in exercise science to prepare for a healthcare-related career.

Rights-of-way maintenance schedule

Tideland has hired Lucas Tree Experts to manage vegetation in our rights-of-way.

During June, Lucas will be trimming along the Lowland circuit out of our Edward substation.

Lee Electrical Construction crews were scheduled to finish the Rose Bay project in May. They will next move onto the Swan Quarter circuit including downtown Swan Quarter.

River City Construction is working along Hwy 33 on the Blounts Creek circuit.

Osmose will be conducting pole inspections on the circuits originating out of our Plymouth and Five Points substations. Keep in mind that these inspections often include a hammer test to determine pole integrity along with digging at the base of the pole.

Metered service safety inspections are wrapping up in Engelhard operational district in mainland Hyde and Dare counties.

Thank you for your support of each of these important maintenance activities which improve system reliability and promote public safety.

Be sure to give all utility crews wide berth when approaching them on public roadways.

New tax credits can provide a roadmap to energy savings

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Recently we published an extensive article about the roll out of new state and federal incentives to promote a more efficient electrified lifestyle. While the state program is not yet up and running, which will target low- and middle-income households, the federal incentives are in full swing. Because these tax

Annual Limits on Energy Efficient Home Improvement Tax Credits

In addition to limits on the amount of credit you can claim for any particular equipment installation or home improvement, there are annual aggregate limits. The overall total limit for an efficiency tax credit in one year is \$3,200. This breaks down

Federal tax credit limits

Air source heat pump	Geothermal heat pump	Air conditioning	Efficient heating	Biomass stoves
30% of cost, up to \$2,000 per year	30% of cost (no limit)	30% of cost up to \$600 *	30% of cost up to \$600 *	30% of cost, up to \$2,000 per year
Electrical upgrades	Insulation	Windows	Exterior doors	Heat pump water heaters
30% of cost, up to \$600 *	30% of cost (materials only) *	30% of cost, up to \$600 *	30% of cost, up to \$500 for doors (up to \$250 each) *	30% of cost, up to \$2,000 per year

* Subject to cap of \$1,200/year

credits don't expire until Dec. 31, 2032, members have the perfect opportunity to develop an individualized plan of action and check off items on your efficiency to-do list over a number of years.

For example, you may want to tackle an insulation project first, which is generally low cost but can have a high rate of return on energy savings. With those energy dollars freed up and the tax credit being applied you should have more available income to embark on your next efficiency project.

to a total limit of \$1,200 for any combination of home envelope improvements (windows/doors/skylights, insulation, electrical) plus furnaces, boilers and central air conditioners. Any combination of heat pumps, heat pump water heaters and biomass stoves/boilers are subject to an annual total limit of \$2,000. (Note: Energy Star-certified geothermal heat pumps are eligible for a separate tax credit and are not counted against these limits.)

Remember: Always consult a tax professional if a tax credit is essential to your budget calculations.

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