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*Albemarle EMC is an equal opportunity  
provider and employer.*

## Youth Tour Delegates Selected



Two local students were recently selected to represent Albemarle EMC at this year's Washington Youth Tour.

Perquimans County High School student Jason Lawson and John A. Holmes High School student Treneria Smith were chosen based on their academic accomplishments, essays and letters of recommendation from their school guidance counselors.

In June, Jason and Treneria will meet other students from across the state in Raleigh, then board a bus for Washington, D.C. While at the nation's capital, youth tourists from across the country will meet with legislators, take a harbor party cruise,

visit museums and memorials and make many friends.

"Few individuals get to experience the behind-the-scenes look at Washington, D.C. that the Youth Tour provides," said General Manager Kevin Heath. "We are delighted to be able to provide these two students with this unique opportunity."

## ACT Grants Awarded

**Albemarle EMC  
will be closed  
April 18 for  
Good Friday.  
Happy Easter!**

Two Albemarle Community Trust grants were recently awarded to local nonprofits that work to benefit the region.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle was the recent recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the Albemarle Community Trust. The \$5,000 grant will pay for 15,000 meals for those in need.

The Winfall Volunteer Fire Department received a \$5,000 grant to help purchase a new 800 megahertz radio for one of their fire trucks.

The Albemarle Community Trust is funded by Albemarle EMC members who voluntarily contribute through their power bills.



*Winfall Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Craig Trueblood was recently presented with a \$5,000 ACT grant. The grant will enable the department to purchase a new Ultra High Frequency radio.*



# Before Purchasing Solar, Take these Steps

If you are planning on interconnecting solar with Albemarle EMC's grid, there are some crucial steps you first must take before work can begin.

First, you must locate the renewable interconnection documents located at [www.aemc.coop](http://www.aemc.coop) under the *Documents* drop-down menu. Once, there click on the *Renewable Interconnection Forms* link. Next, click on the link *Attachment 6 Under 20KW App Agreement Cert Terms Sketch*. This will open a document called the Interconnection Request Application and Agreement Form for Interconnecting a Certified Inverter-Based Generating Facility No Larger than 20 kW. This form gives notice to the cooperative of the member's intent to interconnect a generating facility as well as the terms and conditions of the interconnection agreement.

Please make sure the following steps are completed before submitting

an Interconnection Agreement request: Fill out the Interconnection Request Application and Agreement Form for Interconnecting a Certified Inverter-Based Generating Facility No Larger than 20 kW. Pay the \$100 nonrefundable processing fee. Then, contact your county inspections office to determine applicable regulations. If you live in a subdivision with a homeowner's association, review any of their requirements.

Also, submitted documents should include an attachment of equipment specifications and an electrical drawing of the proposed installation. You should purchase proper insurance, which can be found in section seven of the interconnection request form. Members should have their installers review the installation schematics, found on page 8 of the interconnection request form.

Our Rate Schedule can be found under the same *Documents* drop-down



menu on the co-op's website. You can find our net metering time of use rate on page 23 and our buy-all sell-all Schedule QF Rate on page 39.

Once completed, the interconnection request form and all other documents should be submitted to:

**Albemarle EMC**  
**Attn: Manager of Technical Services/**  
**Engineering**  
**P.O. Box 69**  
**Hertford, NC 27944.**  
[engineeringmanagers@aemc.coop](mailto:engineeringmanagers@aemc.coop)

## Former Youth Tourist Wins Scholarship



*Former Albemarle EMC Youth Tour delegate Kendra Graham was recently selected the winner of the Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship. She is congratulated by Perquimans County High School Principal Mickey Drew.*

Perquimans County High School Student Kendra Graham, one of Albemarle EMC's 2024 Washington Youth Tour delegates, has been selected the winner of the Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship!

The \$2,000 scholarship was one of three awarded by the N.C. Electric Membership Corporation.

"This is the first time an Albemarle EMC delegate has ever won one of these scholarships," said Chris Powell, AEMC director of public relations. "She won this scholarship by competing against some of the top students in the state."

During the Youth Tour to Washington D.C. last summer, Kendra joined over 40 youth delegates from North Carolina to walk the halls of our nation's Capitol, interact with elected officials and develop their own goals from the inspiration that surrounded them.

Since 1964, electric cooperatives from across the country have sponsored trips to Washington, D.C. for youth delegates from their service territories. Former youth delegates have gone on to occupy some of the top positions in industry, civil service and the military.

## 80th Anniversary Celebrated



*Albemarle EMC member Zelda Hardy enjoys some refreshments that were part of the co-op's 80th anniversary celebration.*

On Feb. 24, Albemarle EMC celebrated 80 years of service to our region.

To recognize the day, refreshments were made available in the co-op's lobby. In addition, a drawing was held for an \$80 credit to a power bill. The lucky winner was Martha Jernigan, of Chowan County.

"Albemarle EMC's ability to provide a valuable service to our members for eight decades is testament to our past and present members as well as to the business model of member-owned cooperatives," said Kevin Heath, general manager.





# Albemarle EMC is at Your Service



## We Appreciate Our Linemen!

The importance of electricity to modern society can't be overstated. In a world where electricity powers everything from financial transactions to hospital breathing devices, the reliable flow of electricity is paramount.

We believe linemen are first responders. When disaster strikes, they are some of the first to begin the recovery process. Often, power lines must be removed from roads before any other vehicles can safely pass. Sometimes fallen trees must be extricated from lines, or utility poles must be replaced. Linemen often work in challenging situations, responding to outages in the rain, sleet and snow. Through the hottest of summer days and the coldest of winter nights, we all rely on linemen to answer the call when outages occur. Monday, April 14, is recognized by Albemarle EMC and electric cooperatives nationwide as Lineman Appreciation Day. Though always appreciated, these hard-working individuals certainly deserve a day in their honor. Please join us on April 14 and throughout the year to show your appreciation for our linemen.



**Bobby Upton,  
Crew Leader**



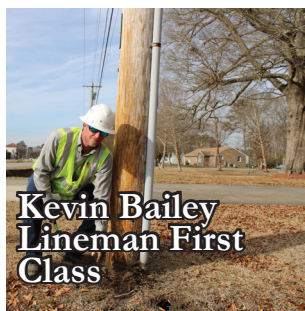
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Crew Leader**



**Chris White  
Lineman First Class**



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First Class**



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Lineman First  
Class**



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