

## Cape Hatteras EC members will receive the Co-op Connections Card in May

The Co-op Connections Card is a card-based program that provides discounts on products and services at local and national businesses for cooperative members.

Recently, Touchstone Energy® introduced a new prescription benefit associated with the card offering cooperative members even more discount opportunities.

Members presenting their Co-op Connections card to participating pharmacies will receive up to a 60 percent discount at more than 48,000 independent pharmacies, including Beach Pharmacy in Avon and Hatteras. National chains including CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart and Target are also included on the plan.

The new cards, with prescription benefit information printed on the back, will be mailed to all members in the May issue of Carolina Country.

The card requires no sign-up or annual fees. Participating businesses determine their own discounts, and the offers can change throughout the year. CHEC

### Co-op Connections® Card



Cape Hatteras  
Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



members can visit the Co-op Connections website to learn what discounts are available.

For more information or to enroll your business in the program, please visit [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop) or call (252) 995-7083.

## Official Notice: Annual Meeting of Members

The CHEC 2011 Annual Meeting of Members will take place at

Cape Hatteras Secondary School  
48576 NC Highway 12, Buxton, NC 27920  
Monday, May 9, 7:00 PM

*Registration begins at 6:00 PM*

*Dinner will be served from 6:00-6:45 PM (no carry-outs).*

#### Items to be discussed:

- Reports of officers, directors and committees;
- Announcement of elected directors;
- Transaction of other business brought before the meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

Election ballots and a return envelope will be mailed to members the first week of April. Biographies for the nominees will appear on a separate sheet enclosed with the ballots. Official ballots must be return-mailed to CHEC, Credentials and Elections Committee, PO Box 281, Avon, NC 27915 by Friday, April 29, 2011.



# CHEC Bright Ideas education grant program kicks off 18th year of giving

## *Teachers Apply Now for 2011-12 Bright Ideas education grants*

North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative, have earmarked more than \$590,000 for innovative classroom-based projects through the Bright Ideas education grant program. Teachers may begin applying this month for individual grants of up to \$1,500. To learn more about the program and start an online application beginning April 1, visit [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

The Bright Ideas education grant program is the only one of its kind in our state, exclusively for North Carolina's K-12 teachers. The deadline to submit applications for the 2011-2012 school year is September 23. Teachers who submit their application by the early-bird deadline on August 15 will be entered in a drawing to win a \$500 Visa gift card.

"CHEC is proud to continue to promote creativity in North Carolina classrooms and to award these grants to deserving teachers," said Laura Heitsenrether, marketing and com-

munications specialist. "Last year, the cooperatives were able to collectively benefit more than 100,000 students through the program statewide."

Bright Ideas has funded a wide variety of classroom projects in all disciplines that would otherwise cost teachers money from their own pockets or go unfunded. Since its inception in 1994, the Bright Ideas program has awarded more than \$7.3 million in grant money and funded more than 7,000 projects. "We have the utmost respect for teachers in our state and look forward to continue doing our part to improve their jobs and the quality of education in North Carolina through the Bright Ideas program," said Heitsenrether.

The primary elements of this year's online application include an explanation of the creative project and its potential benefits to students. Examples of past projects are available on the Bright Ideas website at [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com). Become a fan of the program on Facebook (search for Bright Ideas Education Grant Program) for regularly updated information regarding the program.



# BRIGHT IDEAS

## Celebrate Earth Day by conserving energy

CHEC invites you to celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by adopting energy saving practices. By conserving energy you'll be saving money on your electric bill and creating a better place for future generations. The following tips can get you started:



- Turn off electronics and lights when you leave the room.
- Unplug cell phone chargers, TVs and computer when not in use.
- Use ceiling fans to help reduce the need for air conditioning and heating.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).
- Insulate your home, wrap your water heater and pipes.

For more energy-saving tips, visit the cooperative's website at [www.chec.coop](http://www.chec.coop).



Published by:  
Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 9, 47109 Light Plant Road,  
Buxton, NC 27920  
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Phone: 252-995-5616  
Toll Free: 800-454-5616  
Outage Report: 866-511-9862  
Fax: 252-995-4088  
[www.chec.coop](http://www.chec.coop)

Board of Directors:  
Richard A. (Richie) Midgett, president;  
John R. Hooper, vice president;  
K. Norman (Norm) Campbell, secretary-treasurer;  
Elvin L. Hooper; C. A. Duke;  
Dan G. Oden, Jr.; Tami J. Thompson

Susan E. Flythe,  
executive vice president & general manager  
Laura Heitsenrether, editor