

## Colorful Coleslaw

- 2 cups shredded green cabbage
- 1 cup shredded red cabbage
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced onion
- 1 medium carrot, grated
- 1/2 cup finely chopped bell pepper

### Dressing

- 2 Tbsp. honey
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. vinegar
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 Tsp. pepper

Mix together honey, oil, vinegar, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Wash all vegetables. Add shredded green and red cabbage and toss to coat with dressing. Add grated carrot, sliced onion and bell pepper to the coleslaw and toss to coat all. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Serves 8, 1/2 cup servings.

CALORIES 50; FAT 2.5g;  
 PROTEIN 1g; SODIUM 55mg;  
 FIBER 1g; CHOLESTEROL 25mg  
 CARBOHYDRATE 8g;

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## FROM THE CEO'S DESK

J. Ronald McElheney

There is no doubt, technology is key in helping keep the lights on. That's why Jones-Onslow and the other electric cooperatives in North Carolina have joined forces to launch a new not-for-profit company, GreenCo Solutions. The company will focus on energy efficiency initiatives and renewable resources for residential and commercial consumers across the state (read more on the front page).

Simply put, we must be pro-active. Right now, there are a lot of "what-ifs" surrounding electric power and the electric utility industry.

As your provider of safe, affordable, and reliable power, it's our job to make prudent, long-term energy decisions that will benefit you and the communities we serve for decades to come. But today those decisions are mixed up with politics like never before. Every question of supplying power is being impacted by the debate surrounding how best to meet climate change goals. Policy limiting carbon dioxide emissions is becoming more likely, although specifics are still up in the air.

Massive investments in new technology will be required –and soon – to find a balance in meeting both our energy and climate change goals. The Electric Power Research Institute estimates it will take a research investment of \$1.4 billion a year from now until 2030 to develop new technology such as carbon capture and storage for our power plants.

Once we add this advanced technology, we can develop power plants that burn coal and isolate carbon dioxide emissions. The gas can then be compressed and pumped for permanent storage deep underground. Many experts believe that with the right financial commitment from the federal government, cost-effective carbon capture and storage technology could become commercially available around 2020.

But this is just one potential piece of the puzzle, and until our elected officials agree to increase the necessary funding, uncertainty remains.

At Jones-Onslow, we are dedicated to keeping you supplied with reliable and affordable electricity. I encourage you to learn more about our grassroots campaign called "Our Energy, Our Future" that will start a dialogue with lawmakers about critical questions such as technology's role in our energy future. Please visit [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) to contact your elected officials and add your voice to the campaign.



# Spotlight

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## NC Electric Cooperatives Launch New Company: GreenCo Solutions, Inc.

Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation and the other North Carolina electric cooperatives throughout the state have announced the creation of a not-for-profit company to focus on energy efficiency initiatives and renewable resources. The new company, a member-owned cooperative, has been named GreenCo Solutions, Inc.

GreenCo Solutions, owned by a majority of the state's electric cooperatives, will aggregate services related to green energy allowing the member cooperatives to achieve efficiencies and economies of scale. "By working together, we can provide high quality programs that will benefit our residential and commercial consumers at the lowest possible cost," said Ron McElheney, CEO of Jones-Onslow EMC.

The new company's core services will include energy efficiency program development and pilot projects for development of renewable energy resources. GreenCo Solutions will be governed by board of directors made up of representatives from the member cooperatives.

The new company will also provide compliance reporting and tracking for member cooperatives



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related to Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (REPS) established by Senate Bill 3, enacted by the NC General Assembly in 2007. The bill mandates that NC-based electric utilities must purchase or generate a specific amount of renewable energy, or reduce electricity use through energy efficiency improvements.

McElheney said, "Because the outlook for our energy future is changing, the timing is right for this new company, with or without the legislative mandate."

"It's another example of cooperatives looking out for their members by providing them ways to manage their energy costs while fulfilling our commitment to a cleaner environment," he said.



# Local Students Rewarded For Outstanding Achievement...

Twenty-four graduating high school seniors and four community college students have received scholarships that Jones-Onslow funds for deserving students in our community.

The \$1,000 scholarships will assist the youth as they continue with their academic endeavors.

Students that attended high school in Onslow County were selected in conjunction with the school system and its S.A.T. Program and received their scholarships at the May S.A.T. Banquet. Other recipients were chosen by the individual school's staff.

The cooperative is proud of these and all the fine students in our area schools and communities.

Scholarship recipients are listed to the right. Congratulations to you all!



## HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS

**Camp Lejeune** *Lakesha Beasley  
Sean Grantham*

**Dixon** *Jessica Pierce  
Cory Padgett*

**East Duplin** *Julia Jenkins  
Richardson Pate*

**Jacksonville** *Kieran Davis  
Elizabeth Lynch*

**Jones Senior** *Allison Harriet  
Amanda Kube*

**Northside** *Flerine Atienza  
Michael Sanchez*

**Richlands** *Rachel Denning  
Cody Freeman*

**South Lenoir** *Roman Harper  
Garrett Jones*

**Southwest** *Whitney Barnette  
Andrew McLeod*

**Swansboro** *Nicholas Carlson  
Shannon Myers*

**Topsail** *Brittany Avery  
David Ruehle*

**White Oak** *Jessica Killmeier  
Hunter Wilson*

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECIPIENTS

**Coastal Carolina** *Maegan Blainey  
Susan Farage*

**Lenoir** *Amanda Kube  
Melissa Haddock*

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# June Brings In The 2008 Hurricane Season...

Living where we do, we're at the mercy of many types of severe weather situations. And now that summer is here, there's the possibility of thunderstorms or even hurricanes.

During these weather situations, we've got a plan for restoring electric service to the greatest number of customers in the shortest time possible.

Part of this plan is to assign all outside personnel to each of the cooperative's substations throughout the service area. As soon as it is safe to be on the road, employees begin working from each of the substations.

The cooperative's priorities for restoring electric service are as follows:

### 1. Transmission Lines

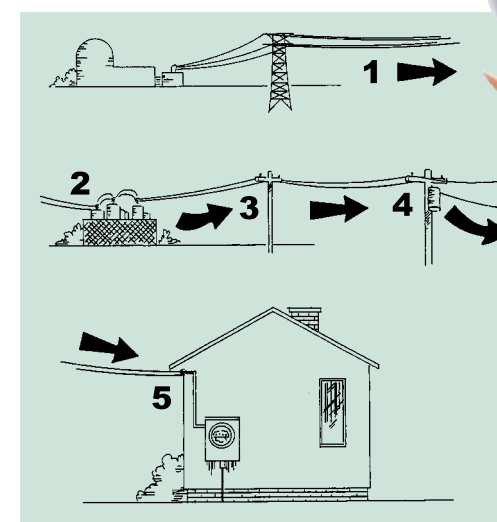
Transmission lines carry electricity over long distances. These lines supply power to one or more substations throughout the service area.

### 2. Substations

If a problem occurs in a substation, it will cause all of the homes and businesses served by the substation to be out of service. This could affect hundreds or thousands of people.

### 3. Main Distribution Lines

These lines are checked next. They carry electricity from a substation to a group of consumers that live in the same community. When power is restored here, all customers served by this line could have power to their homes as long as there is no problem farther down the line.



### 4. Tap Lines

Tap lines carry power to utility poles or underground transformers and serve smaller groups from the main distribution lines.

### 5. Individual Services

Damage can occur on the service line between your house and a transformer on the nearby pole. This can explain why you have no power when your neighbor does. The co-op needs to know your situation so a service crew can repair it.

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outage reporting system  
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