

## Shockley Appointed to District 3 Board Seat

**W**.E. “Ted” Shockley III, who lives near Belle Haven, was selected as the District 3 Director by the A&N Electric Cooperative board, filling the seat held by the late R. Wayne Browning Sr.

Shockley is the owner and founder of Eastern Shore First, a monthly newsmagazine featuring the people, places and history of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Shockley previously served as executive editor of The Daily Times newspaper of Salisbury, Md., and of the Delmarva Media Group. Prior to that, he was editor of the Eastern Shore News and Chincoteague Beacon.

He has won more than 30 state awards for writing and page design. Nine times he has been the top editor of papers in Virginia and Maryland that won state Newspaper of the Year awards.

A 1991 Northampton High School graduate, Shockley attended Eastern Shore Community College and earned a bachelor's degree in English from Salisbury University in 1995.

He is a member of the Eastern Shore Community College Advisory Board and is a former chairman of the Eastern Shore Public Library Board of Trustees.

“I deeply respect the members, employees, history and board directors of ANEC,” says Shockley. “I’m honored to serve this independent, member-owned Eastern Shore utility service in any way possible.”



W.E. “Ted” Shockley III

Shockley has been married to the former Amy Ashby for 25 years. They have two children: McKay, a sophomore at Old Dominion University, and Jimmy, a senior at Broadwater Academy.

He is the older son of Bill and Joyce Shockley of Cheriton.

The appointment does not fill the seat's full term. Shockley must run for reelection at the cooperative's next Annual Meeting.

## Consider Helping Neighbors This Holiday Season – Give to Members Helping Members

With the holiday season around the corner, please consider giving to Members Helping Members. Many of our members continue to face difficult times as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

Members Helping Members is one way to help those community members who are struggling financially during this stressful period.

Members Helping Members Inc. is a community nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and was established to assist families needing assistance in paying their electric service bills.

Over 2,300 members are currently contributing about \$3,000 monthly in amounts ranging from under \$1, with the program's round-up option, to as much as \$10.

“A few cents from members opting for the round-up option can add up quickly,” says Lori Shreaves, A&N Electric Cooperative's member services director. “It has very little impact on the individuals who chose that option, but the impact it can have on a co-op member in need is incredible.”

The need to assist the most vulnerable of cooperative members continues to grow from the public health crisis.

Members who are eligible to receive funding from Members Helping Members should contact their county's Department of Social Services.

A&N Electric Cooperative, in cooperation with Members Helping Members Inc., secures funding from voluntary donations through the cooperative's electric service bills. Members of the cooperative who would like to donate to the program can log onto [anec.com/content/members-helping-members](http://anec.com/content/members-helping-members) and fill out the online form or speak with one of our member service representatives by calling 757-787-9750. Eligibility requirements are also listed there.

Donations to the program are tax deductible and 100% of the funding goes to members in need.



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# Youth Tour Essay Contest Deadline is Dec. 4



## Youth Tour Qualifications

- Current high school junior
- Complete and submit the Youth Tour application form before Dec. 4
- Completed essay submitted prior to the Dec. 4 deadline
- Live within the cooperative's service territory

The annual essay contest to determine A&N Electric Cooperative's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour representatives began last month.

The Youth Tour essay contest is open to all high school and homeschool juniors living in the cooperative's service area.

Students can select one of two essay topics: "Electricity's Importance to the Eastern Shore" or "What Would Life Be Like Without Access to Electricity?"

Due to COVID-19, essays can be submitted directly to the cooperative by logging onto [anec.com](http://anec.com) and selecting "Youth Tour" under the "Community" tab.

The deadline for essay entrants is Dec. 4, 2020. The Youth Tour Conference is at no cost to students who are selected through the essay contest. Travel to the conference is also provided by the cooperative. Qualifying students can submit essays to both the Youth Tour and the VICE Conference contests, but will only be selected for one trip.

To learn more about how you can participate in this program, contact Youth Tour Coordinator Jay Diem at [jdiem@anec.com](mailto:jdiem@anec.com) or visit [vmdae.com/youth-tour](http://vmdae.com/youth-tour).

## Cooperative Christmas Card Art Contest is Open

The cooperative is looking for young, talented artists to design our next Christmas card. The A&N Electric Cooperative Christmas Card Contest is open now and will run until Monday, Jan. 4.

Any school-age children (age 5-17) who live in the cooperative's service area are eligible to participate. Submitted artwork should incorporate aspects of the cooperative and the holiday season. Art should be original and submitted on a standard piece of white 8.5-by-11-inch paper or 8.5-by-11-inch white construction paper. Art using crayons, colored pencils, ink or paint is acceptable.

Please include the child's name and age on a separate piece of paper when submitting the artwork.

Last year's winner was Kegotank Elementary School's Jacob Delgado, who drew a picture of an A&N Electric Cooperative bucket truck working on an electrical line connected to a festively decorated home.



Entries can be mailed, unfolded, to the cooperative's headquarters at P.O. Box 290, Tasley, VA 23441. Artwork can also be delivered to the cooperative lobby in person.

The winner of the contest will be awarded a \$50 gift card, and their artwork will be used on the cover of the cooperative's Christmas cards next year.



## VICE Conference Essay Contest

- ### Qualifications
- VICE attendees must be 16-19 years old as of July 1, 2021
  - Complete and submit the VICE Conference application form before Dec. 4
  - Completed essay submitted prior to the Dec. 4 deadline
  - Live within the cooperative's service territory

## Deadline is Dec. 4

The annual essay contest to determine A&N Electric Cooperative's VICE Conference representatives began last month.

The VICE Conference essay contest is open to all high school and homeschool students living in the cooperative's service area who are between the ages of 16 and 19 years old as of July 21, 2021.

Students applying for the VICE Conference are required to write an essay on the following topic: "What are the Benefits of the Cooperative Model of Business to the Eastern Shore?"

Due to COVID-19, essays can be submitted directly to the cooperative by logging onto [anec.com](http://anec.com) and selecting "VICE Conference" under the "Community" tab.

The deadline for essay entrants is Dec. 4, 2020. The VICE Conference is at no cost to students who are selected through the essay contest. Travel to the conference is provided by the cooperative. Qualifying students can submit essays to both the VICE Conference and the Youth Tour contests, but will only be selected for one trip. To learn more about how you can participate in this program, contact VICE Conference Coordinator Jay Diem at [jdiem@anec.com](mailto:jdiem@anec.com).

# Employee Nonprofit Partners with USDA and project:HOMES to Make Local Home Improvements

Lighting the Way, the cooperative's employee nonprofit organization, is building partnerships with the United States Department of Agriculture and project:HOMES to help local co-op members make improvements to their homes, making them safer and more energy efficient.

Project:HOMES is the lead weatherization agency in the region, allowing the organization to make energy improvements to homes and apartments in seven cities and 18 counties in Virginia, including Accomack and Northampton. Project:HOMES improves lives by improving homes

through energy-conservation work in the home. The organization's work helps reduce energy loss, lowers energy consumption and improves the health and safety of the home. A home that is made more energy-efficient is also made more affordable. This free weatherization program prioritizes services to seniors, people with disabilities and families with children.

In addition to the weatherization program, Lighting the Way is assisting USDA by helping local cooperative homeowners complete the necessary application process for loan or grant funding for home improvements. Also

known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes, or provides grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

In some cases the USDA funding is enabling homeowners to make the necessary repairs to help them qualify for project:HOMES' weatherization improvements.

"Project:HOMES is very excited about this partnership with USDA and looks forward to helping members that may have gone underserved in the



The roof on this home in Melfa was replaced through qualified USDA funding.

**"Without the financial assistance from Rural Development and the joint partnership with A&N, project:HOMES and Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, the communities on the Eastern Shore would not have affordable options to repair their homes and improve the quality of life. The main goal is to help our communities age in place and provide affordable home loans to allow the communities to grow with new home ownership. While COVID-19 has slowed down our process, it has not stopped our progress in trying to help all those in need."**

*– Kerry Crowley, single family housing state office specialist, Virginia USDA*

## PROJECT:HOMES WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

### TYPICAL SERVICES OFFERED:

- Air sealing
- Insulation
- LED light bulbs
- Water savers

Repairs that must be completed before weatherization services:

- Major structural repairs
- Roof repair/replacement

Services rendered are dependent upon an energy assessment by certified staff, as well as current DHCD guidelines.

[projecthomes.org/weatherization](http://projecthomes.org/weatherization)

## USDA 504 LOAN AND GRANT PILOT PROGRAM

### TO QUALIFY:

- Homeowner must occupy house
- Unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere
- Below 50% of median income
- For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan

### LOAN PROGRAM:

Repair, improve or modernize the home.

- \$40,000 maximum loan amount
- \$1,000 minimum loan amount
- 1% fixed interest rate
- Repayment over 20 years
- Full title service required for loans of \$25,000 or more

### GRANT PROGRAM:

Removes health and safety hazards in the home.

- Age is greater than 62
- \$10,000 maximum grant amount
- Repayment if property sold in less than 3 years

past,” says Brian Burris, utility programs manager for project:HOMES. “This new partnership will allow us to reach more people, and help local co-op members save on utility bills and be more comfortable and safe in their own homes.”

Since partnering in early 2019, the three organizations have completed several home-improvement projects throughout Virginia’s Eastern Shore, with a number of projects ready to start, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This is really opening the door for qualifying co-op members to make vital home improvements,” says Amanda Bowen, cooperative billing supervisor and program coordinator for Lighting the Way.

“The pandemic slowed down some of our progress, but we continued to work with co-op members over the phone to get their applications ready to go for when restrictions started to lift,” Bowen says. “Project:HOMES and USDA continue to do what they can on outdoor work and by using health and safety protocols to keep everyone safe.”

To start the application process to see if you qualify for either program, email Bowen at [abowen@anec.com](mailto:abowen@anec.com) or call 757-787-9750 to speak with an A&N Electric Cooperative member services representative.

### Completed Projects:

**Horntown (USDA/project:HOMES joint project)** – ceiling repair, ramp replacement, floor repair and sidewalk repair

**Onancock (USDA project from A&N referral)** – roof replacement, floor repair, front porch repair, gutters

**Melfa (USDA project from A&N referral)** – roof replacement, floor repair, plumbing repairs, window replacement

**Tangier (USDA project from A&N referral)** – roof replacement, ceiling repairs, mold remediation

**Cheriton (USDA/project:HOMES joint project from A&N referral)** – ramp replacement, ceiling repair, exterior door replacement, plumbing repairs

**Painter (USDA/project:HOMES joint project from A&N referral)** – roof replacement, gutters, floor repair, electrical work, kitchen cabinets, painting



## Online Energy Advisor Helps Pinpoint Ways to Save

If you’re looking for ways to save energy and money in your home, check out the Energy Advisor tools available on A&N Electric Cooperative’s website at [anec.com](http://anec.com) under the “Manage Energy Use” tab. These interactive tools help you zero in on where your energy consumption is going and where you can save the most.

**My Home** – This quick home survey provides an estimated breakdown of your energy use and costs by heating, cooling, water heating, refrigeration, lighting and appliances. By completing the survey, you can learn how much you can save in each area.

**Billing Analysis** – Here the Home Energy Advisor goes one step further and incorporates your actual A&N Electric Cooperative bills in its calculations, if you’ve provided your cooperative account number in the “My Home” survey.

**Energy Forecast** – See the current weather’s direct impact on your home’s energy use and costs. Based on your area’s seven-day forecast, you can adjust a “virtual thermostat” for heating and cooling and see the daily dollar impact. Complete the home profile under “My Home” to pinpoint more savings opportunities.

**Saving Tips** – This tool highlights the different ways you can increase your home energy efficiency based on the answers you’ve given in the “My Home” survey.

### ENERGY USE CALCULATORS

In addition, you’ll find a handy set of energy-use calculators under the “Manage Energy Use” tab. These quick tools are easy to use and don’t require setting up a profile or completing the home survey.

**Holiday Lighting** – See how much your holiday lights are costing you and quickly compare the energy cost of LED lights to less-efficient incandescent lights.

**Home Appliance** – Complete a quick inventory of your home appliances to create a picture of how much energy those devices are using.

**Phantom Load** – See how much these devices are costing you over time when they are turned off, but continue to use a small amount of electricity.

**Space Heater** – Calculate how much your space heaters are costing you in energy use. The amount may surprise you.

## Upcoming Office Closures

The A&N Electric Cooperative Tasley office will be closed for the following holidays:

**Thursday, Nov. 26**, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday;

**Friday, Dec. 25**, in observance of Christmas Day; and

**Friday, Jan. 1**, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

A&N Electric Cooperative directors and employees hope you have a safe and happy holiday season. Please have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**DAYLIGHT SAVING  
TIME REMINDER**

Don't forget to fall back on November 1!  
Set your clocks back by one hour.



## Member Satisfaction Survey

A&N Electric Cooperative will be conducting member satisfaction surveys by phone or email in December with the help of TSE Services.

All calls will originate from a call center within the "919" area code.

Professional telephone interviewers will identify themselves as calling on behalf of A&N Electric Cooperative.

Those who receive an email will have an online survey link embedded in the email message.

If you are one of the members to receive a call or email, please participate so we can find out how we are doing and how we can better serve you.



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