

**Paul Turner Appointed to Seat on Pee Dee Electric Board of Directors**



Paul L. Turner III of Ansonville has been appointed to fill the District 1 seat on the Board of Directors for Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation. The seat became vacant after the passing of longtime Director Gene Russell. District 1 is composed of the Ansonville and Burnsville Townships in Anson County, the area in Stanly County and the portion of New Salem Township in Union County served by Pee Dee Electric.

Turner is the owner of Red Hill Forestry, a private forestry consulting company that provides forestry services to landowners across North and South Carolina. He received his Bachelor's degree from NC State University in Forest Management and his Associate degree in Forest Management Technology from Montgomery Community College. He is also a North and South Carolina registered forester and a licensed North Carolina real estate broker.

He was born and raised in Anson County in the Ansonville Community where he and his wife Rebecca live with their son Noah. He is a member of the Red Hill Baptist Church, and enjoys spending time outdoors.

Turner began his duties with the board of directors in July. He looks forward to serving the members of Pee Dee Electric and ensuring success for the cooperative.

Pee Dee Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative whose goal is to provide reliable, dependable electric service for its members while focusing on value, quality customer service, and enhancing life in the communities we serve. Pee Dee's service area consists of Anson, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly and Union counties. For more information about Pee Dee Electric please visit [www.pdemc.com](http://www.pdemc.com).

**Saleeyah Crowder Crowned Little Miss HOLLA!**



Saleeyah Crowder, the daughter of Nakishia Crowder and Travis Thorpe of Wadesboro, has been crowned Little Miss HOLLA! during the annual Little Miss HOLLA! Youth Enrichment Program Event. She is a first grade student at Wadesboro Primary School who aspires to be a teacher. She participated in the organization's Youth Enrichment Program (YEP) throughout its' eight-month duration. The HOLLA! Youth Enrichment Program is designed to motivate youth to be successful through exposure to positive people, places, and things while improving social capital.

According to Johnie Pettiford, HOLLA's Program Director, Nakishia and other participants were challenged differently this year from the program's previous ones. "The girls were charged with contemplating social changes in which they want to be made and creating solutions," she said. In keeping with her career goals, Crowder wants to address the educational needs of underprivileged children. She would like to solve it by generating a nonprofit reading and math camp.

This year's theme, "Claiming Our Destiny," was envisioned by Devin Pettiford. Being the program's fifth year, committee members wanted to celebrate its' half-decade existence. They did this by focusing participants' attention on both past and present child activists such as Claudette Colvin and Alayah Eastmond. Through these girls,

participants were encouraged to positively contribute to society now rather than waiting for adulthood.

In continuing to recognize youth this year, local teens were honored during the presentation. "Destiny Seekers" included UNC-Greensboro-bound Jamiyah Sturdivant, Top Teens of America member Jacqueline Cherry and community songstress Kenya Myles.

First runner-up for the title of Little Miss HOLLA! was Wadesboro Primary School first-grade student Travia Olivia Huntley. Second runner-up was Morven Elementary School student Ky'Lah Grace Simons. She is in the third grade.

For inquiries about enrolling a girl (age 6-13) in this year's program please contact Johnie Pettiford at [kidsinc1@windstream.net](mailto:kidsinc1@windstream.net). Activities begin in November and will continue into 2020.

HOLLA! is a 501 c 3 non-profit Community Development Corporation founded in 2005 to address low achievement in the Anson County Schools. The organization operates from a facility located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. For more information call 704-851-3144.

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