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TriCounty Telecom Hosts Open House Smoke House and National Guard Join In The Celebration

In recognition of Co-op Month, TriCounty Telecom hosted an Open House on Thursday, October 11, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at its corporate office at 2193 NC 99 Highway South in Belhaven. There were food and welcome gifts for everyone, as well as a chance to spin the prize wheel. Also on hand were the Beaufort County Smoke House, manned by volunteers from the Sidney Fire Department, and representatives from the National Guard. Maxx, the TriCounty Telecom dog, greeted special guests--62 Kindergarten students, their teachers and assistants from Northeast Elementary School. Over 150 registered for door prizes given away every half hour. Alan Batchler was the lucky winner of the grand prize, a TV/DVD combo. Other winners were Oscar Lilley, Bryce May, Charlotte Whitney, Myra Beasley and Cathy Weidler. Kindergartners Katie Young won a stuffed Mickey Mouse and Brandon Eborn won a book bag.



Maxx, TriCounty Telecom's mascot, shakes paws with SFC Kent of the National Guard.



Dennis Wallace, TriCounty Telecom CEO, presents Alan Batchler with the Grand Prize, a color TV/DVD combo.

Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, a member-owned local telephone cooperative, began offering telephone service to remote areas of Beaufort, Hyde, and Washington Counties in May 1955. Over the years it has grown from 197 telephone lines to over 3,600 access lines. The cooperative's subsidiary company provides long distance service, local Internet access, Web Hosting and Design and cable television. Although Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation and its subsidiary Tri-County Communications, Inc. are now known as TriCounty Telecom, it is the same co-op operating with the same co-op spirit of which it was born over 50 years ago.