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## **Press Release**

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### **TriCounty Telecom Hosts Open House**

During October each year, cooperatives celebrate their commitment to community—a core cooperative principle—as part of their annual Co-op Month observances. In recognition of Co-op Month, TriCounty Telecom hosted an Open House on Friday, October 20, 2006, 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. Over 130 registered for door prizes given away every half hour. Cheryl Braswell was the lucky winner of the grand prize, a TV/DVD combo. Other winners were Janice Floyd, Delphine Jennette, Sherwin Bonney, Glenn Boyd and Jack Dunbar.

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 3,700 access lines. The cooperative's subsidiary company provides long distance service, local Internet access, Web Hosting and Design, digital paging 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.



**Cheryl Braswell receives her Grand Prize from TriCounty Telecom CEO Dennis Wallace.**

*TriCounty Telecom, located in Belhaven, provides local telephone service in the Pinetown, Pike Road and Sidney exchanges of Beaufort, Hyde and Washington Counties. Cable TV, Internet access, Web Hosting and Design and long distance are also telecommunications services offered by TriCounty Telecom. Dennis M. Wallace, Jr. serves as Chief Executive Officer.*