

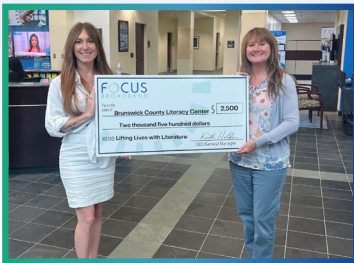
Capital Credit Refunds Coming Soon

Each year, FOCUS Broadband refunds portions of revenue not used to cover expenses in a given year to members both past and present. These refunds are called Capital Credits. The company's Board of Directors recently voted to allocate \$1 million in Capital Credits to cooperative members who had qualifying service in 1999 and 2022. Current members receiving a Capital Credit refund of \$50 or less will see the credit applied to their September bill statement, those receiving a disbursement of more than \$50 will receive a check prior to FOCUS Broadband's Annual Meeting which will be held on October 6th.



"The disbursements of Capital Credits is one of the core principles of our cooperative," commented Keith Holden, FOCUS Broadband CEO. "The support of our members is what enables FOCUS Broadband to have continued success, and these refunds are a way that our members can share in our accomplishments." If you meet eligibility requirements and have not received your refund by October 6th, please call 910-755-1609.

Grant Awarded to Brunswick County Literacy Council



Melissa Warren,
Brunswick County Literacy Council

FOCUS Broadband proudly awarded the Brunswick County Literacy Council a grant that will help them expand their *Lifting Lives with Literacy* program. This program helps adult students, 16 and older, improve their reading, writing, and math proficiency so they can pass the GED exam, gain employment, and increase their earning potential. The funds provided through this grant will be used to purchase student workbooks, the latest GED testing software, and allow the council to train and recruit additional tutors.

Remember to Recycle Your Old Telephone Directories by August 31st!

Game of the Week is Back!

FOCUS Broadband is back with the best live coverage of local high school sports! Our high school football coverage kicks off with the Bash at the Beach Football Jamboree, presented by FOCUS Broadband and North Carolina Farm Bureau. Catch Media Day on August 8th followed by two full days of scrimmages between sixteen area teams on August 11th and 12th. Following the Bash at the Beach, FOCUS Broadband will continue coverage of select local schools throughout the season. Watch everything on Facebook, YouTube and channel 3! To see what games we'll cover this season, check out www.focusbroadbandtv.com.



Calabash Recognized as a Smart Rural Community



Calabash SRC Presentation

The Town of Calabash has been named as the newest recipient of the Smart Rural Community designation, presented by FOCUS Broadband. The Smart Rural Community designation highlights projects which make rural communities vibrant places to live and do business through the implementation of innovative broadband-enabled solutions.

Calabash received this recognition because of the work FOCUS Broadband has done to install a new, state-of-the-art fiber optic network in the town's business district. This work is part of the company's multi-year plan to upgrade its entire service territory to fiber optic technology. The Calabash business district and surrounding residential communities are among some of the first areas to be upgraded.

"Providing a fiber optic network to the Town of Calabash will have a lasting, positive impact on this community by helping businesses thrive," said Keith Holden, FOCUS Broadband CEO.

The Town of Calabash joins the Town of Oak Island, Holden Beach, Ocean Isle Beach and many more who have also been honored as Smart Rural Communities by FOCUS Broadband.

2023 Annual Meeting of Members October 6th, at 6 p.m.

Annual Meeting Voting and Registration Begins Next Month

FOCUS Broadband's 66th Annual Meeting of Members will take place on October 6th at 6 p.m. This year's meeting will be available for viewing online and on FOCUS Broadband TV only. There will not be an in-person meeting. Registration and voting will begin in late September, so be on the lookout for information on how to register and cast your vote. Members who receive their monthly billing statement online will receive their registration materials and voting instructions via email. Those who receive their monthly billing statement by mail will receive their registration information and a mail-in ballot by mail. Registration and voting will end on October 4th. Members who register for the event will receive a \$20 credit on their November billing statement. For more information please visit focusbroadband.com/annualmeeting.

The Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. As we enter a new school year, FOCUS Broadband is working to create more awareness about the program and how families can easily qualify for a discount towards their broadband services. Families who have children that receive free or reduced-price meals at school may even be eligible for free internet. See if you qualify for the ACP by visiting focusbroadband.com/acp.

