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The Monthly Newsletter for Members of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation

Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships Available

Do you know a promising middle-school student who would like to attend basketball camp at North Carolina State University or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill? Randolph Electric is now accepting applications from middle-school students for scholarships to summer basketball camps on two of the state's largest college campuses. Young men can apply to attend the Roy Williams Basketball Camp June 15-19 at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, and young ladies can apply to attend the Kellie Harper Basketball Academy Aug. 1-4 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Scholarship recipients will stay in dorms during the overnight camps and work directly with the collegiate coaches to develop fundamental skills that will help the young athletes excel on and off the court. Campers are responsible for their own transportation to and from the camps.



Faith Latham



Lauren Gardner

As an added bonus, each year, female campers are recognized for their accomplishments at an N.C. State Women's basketball game. Last year's campers, shown above, will attend the NCSU vs. Wake Forest game on February 3.

Applications for this year's camps are available for download at RandolphEMC.com or at either office. Submissions must be postmarked by Saturday, March 30, to be considered. For more information, please contact Lauren Ingold, Public Relations Coordinator, at 336.625.5177 ext. 2338, or via email at Lauren.Ingold@randolphemc.com



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Savings on the Go



Did you know the free Co-op Connections app features all of the local deals? It's the full database of all the active deals within the Co-op Connections Card network. With the GPS feature, you'll be able to map deals in your immediate area where you happen to be. Plus, if you've misplaced the card we sent out last February, you can use this as a replacement card!

The free Co-op Connections app is available for Apple and Android devices. To download, simply search for 'Co-op Connections' in the iTunes store or Google Play.

Once you download it, the program will prompt you to select your co-op, and then lock it in place.

The opening screen shows the card front. If you select the card, the back of it will display, showcasing the pharmacy discount information, which can be presented to a pharmacist who can use it to give the discount.

The app features an alphabetized list of the more than 100 national deals now offered through the Co-op Connections Card program. You can select each one and that, in turn, takes you to the deal. If it's an e-commerce deal, click the link provided. If it's a coupon code, that information is also available.

You can also click to call merchants or save the deal, archiving it to the device so when you're offline, you can still have the information available. With or without the app, you'll find great savings with your Co-op Connections Card!



Winter storms can seriously impact our lives. Visit the Safety section of RandolphEMC.com for tips on how to be prepared & stay safe!

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For Sale

8 x 18 1/2 Aluminum truck box roll up door 2,000 lb lift tailgate fold under, like new. \$2,000. 336-879-5818.

Apples, Pears, Asian Pears, Japanese Persimmons, Pomegranate, Figs, Plums, Grape Vines, Black berries, Pawpaw, Kiwi, Peaches, Mulberry, Native Persimmon. 910-947-3384.

1972 Lone Star Boat, 16 ft with motor & new trailer, \$700, OBO. 336-498-2967.

Pine wood bunk bed with steps at one end to bunk, drawers under steps & lower bunk, hardly used. Paid \$600 new, will take \$300. 336-376-6103.

2002 Dodge 1500 work Van. 45,000 actual miles, V-6, automatic, air, very clean. \$5,500 OBO. 910-572-2667 or 910-572-7560.

Hand held portable nebulizer \$150. Assorted porcelain dolls Indians, Angels, Country & Western \$35 ea., Boys infant clothes size 0-12 months EC \$150 OBO. 919-663-4596.

1983 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham \$1500.

Handmade quilts, western books. 336-625-4548.

Guardian Ultra Source 12,500-Watt 26 HP Portable Generator 04451. Like new, <4 hours run time, only run for periodic maintenance, \$1,500. 336-301-3313.

Electric Organ \$50. Piano \$150. 336-629-6351.

Oak wood for winter, needs splitting, \$50 & up a load. 336-824-8445.

Organic Square bales of horse quality hay, fescue blend \$3.90 & up from barn. Quantity discounts. Also, 2nd quality mixed grass hay, cattle, goats, mulch or horse hay, square bales, \$1.75 a bale, Liberty area. 336-317-4105.

Little Wonder Blower, three wheel, 9 HP Honda. Like new. \$695. 336-362-3342.

50 lb bag feed wheat \$9 per bag. 336-622-2480.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom mobile home five miles from Biscoe just off 24/27. \$450 per month. 910-571-1978.

FREE: Oak display case 10'L x 4.5'H x 2' W sliding doors on back 2 levels. Yours for the taking. No cost. 336-879 5298.

Members, email Swap Shop items to General@RandolphEMC.com

The greatest sources of heating and cooling losses in your home are often invisible—air leaks. As a result, controlling air leaks provides the best way to extend the life of your home, conserve energy, save money, and increase comfort.

Bottom line? If you don't tighten up your home first, money spent on insulation may be wasted.

Fortunately, you can seal a lot of leaks around your home's exterior with less than \$100 worth of caulk. Follow these tips for caulking like a pro:



- Expect to use half a cartridge per window or door, and up to six cartridges for foundation work.
- Apply caulk during dry weather when outdoor temperatures are above 45 degrees. Low humidity is important during application to prevent cracks from swelling with moisture.
- If the gap you're sealing is too wide, use a special filler made for the purpose. Note that fillers are not designed for exposure to the elements; so you'll need to caulk or seal over it.
- Before applying new caulk, remove the old caulk or paint residue with a putty knife, stiff brush, or special solvent.
- Make sure your work area is dry, so you won't seal in moisture.
- Caulk in a straight, continuous stream, avoiding stops and starts, and make sure the caulk sticks to both sides of the crack or seam.
- Send caulk to the bottom of an opening to avoid bubbles.
- Release the trigger on the caulking gun before pulling it away from the crack to prevent applying too much caulk. A caulking gun with an automatic release makes this much easier.
- If the caulk shrinks, reapply it to form a smooth bead that completely seals the crack.
- If caulk oozes out of a crack, use a putty knife to push it back in.
- Don't allow pets and small children to come into contact with fresh caulk.

Sources: U.S. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, ENERGY STAR, and product manufacturers

Find more ways to seal your home and save at www.TogetherWeSave.com.

Is a Medical Alert Status

Q I use an oxygen machine that is powered by electricity. How do I register for REMC's Medical Alert Status?



A It's simple! Contact a Customer Service Representative to receive an application form for Medical Alert Status, complete the form and turn it in to REMC, along with documentation from your physician to support your medical need.

Once approved, your account will be coded to make our service technicians aware that your location powers life-sustaining equipment. The cooperative will notify you of any scheduled outages (for maintenance or repair).

Please be sure to let us know of any changes to your contact information so we have your most up-to-date address, phone number or email.

Remember—*unexpected* outages mean that we can't guarantee continuous electric service, even for members with critical care status. Always have a contingency plan for a backup power source for this equipment and an alternate place to go in the event of an extended outage.

a word about Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert



Strengthening Our Communities

Dear Members,

I am writing this article in early January, so the New Year is still very fresh in everyone's mind. When returning to work after the holiday break, I have been greeted and given the greeting of tradition, "Happy New Year!"

When a year comes to a close, there's reflection on the previous year. I am sure all of us can recall events and life experiences that took place in 2012, some very pleasant and some very saddening. As we turn on the news to catch up on events of the day, on occasion, newscasters will say, "and now we have a heartwarming story to tell you." Well, I have a "heartwarming" story to tell *you*.

In 2012, the spirit of giving was demonstrated immensely by Randolph Electric employees and members, making our area a better place to call home. Throughout the year, our employees held several fundraising events to support local programs and organizations. All of the monies raised are the personal funds of the employees who participate in gift basket auctions, charitable luncheons, raffles, and other fun and creative activities.

In December, Randolph EMC employees raised \$1,626.73 for the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center located in Chapel Hill. On Friday, December 21st, eight employees distributed forty-one \$25 gift cards for patients and their families and twelve 4.5-lb. fruitcakes for the staff. Children received stuffed animals and activity books and crayons. In addition, the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center Family Assistance Fund received \$140.

Another organization that is near and dear to Randolph Electric is the U.S Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. This organization collects new, unwrapped toys, and distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community. This year, bicycles were sent to children in Randolph, Moore and Montgomery Counties. Randolph Electric's goal was to raise \$2,000 to purchase 40 bicycles—a goal that was ultimately exceeded with 47 total bicycles donated.

The United Way Campaign, which wrapped up in November, raised an outstanding \$22,700 for local agencies—an increase from the 2011 campaign.

Randolph Electric is a long-time supporter of the Randolph County Relay for Life. Last year, at the employee-managed

Relay for Life Golf Tournament, REMC raised an outstanding \$10,000 for cancer research. The tournament was held in honor of REMC's Todd Phillips, who is currently battling the disease.

In addition, you, our members, make a difference each day by supporting our People Helping People program. Each month, those members participating in PHP have their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar. Randolph EMC collects that "spare change" and deposits it into the PHP account. The primary purpose of People Helping People is to address charitable needs and provide financial assistance to members or charitable organizations in the five counties served by Randolph EMC. REMC currently has just 1,155 members donating to our PHP program—only about three percent of our 31,000 accounts. We are so grateful to those members who have been a part of this program, and are very proud of the work we've been able to do with that "spare change" over the years. But I'll ask you to think for a moment about what PHP could do if more members participated.

Since the program began in 2001, more than \$62,000 has helped individuals, families and organizations in our communities. The average donation is just 50 cents per month, so if each and every account signed up for PHP, we could raise about \$180,000 in just one year! Even if we had just 25 percent participation, we could raise \$48,000 in one year. That's almost as much money raised in the 12-year history of the program.

I would like to ask you all to please consider participating in the People Helping People program. It's one of the simplest ways you can help make a difference in our communities. Please call us at 1.800.672.8212 or sign up online at www.RandolphEMC.com.

As a new year begins on a bright note, there's a sense of optimism as we turn the page and look forward to a new year.

Cooperatively yours,

Dale F. Lambert
Chief Executive Officer