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A Week I Will Never Forget

by Macy Daniel, REMC's 2017 Rural Electric Youth Tour Delegate

When you ask a sports team captain what their goal is for the season, he or she often replies with the cliché answer of “I hope my teammates become less like a team and more like a family.” Even though this team comradery is a great goal to strive for, it is difficult to achieve because many teams begin as a group of strangers from many different schools. I was selected as the 2017 delegate from Randolph Electric Membership Corporation for the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in our nation’s capital. Just like a sports team player, I was put on a bus going to a new place with 45 strangers from across North Carolina. My goal was to connect with my fellow Youth Tourists and find my place in the quick-moving atmosphere of Washington, D.C.

Unlike many sports teams, during my week in D.C. I saw “family” become more of a reality than a dream. Many would think that

a small-town girl from Asheboro would find it challenging to fit into the hustle and bustle of the 1,800 teens that gathered for Youth Tour, and they would be right. However, I can confidently claim that the delegates chosen for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity were a group of young students with an open mind about the people and concepts they were about to experience. Although we were different in our interests, capabilities, and skills, those same attributes were also what made it so easy to accept one another. We were all leaders who each had something special that made our individual concept of leadership valuable to our team and family.

Over the course of a week, I watched lifelong friendships being made, helping hands being offered, and leadership skills being taught. It wasn’t until after my trip that I realized the family within North Carolina’s Electric Cooperatives. We NC delegates were joined by employees from co-ops around North Carolina who served as trip chaperones. After chatting with a few of these adults and watching them

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share their co-op experiences with one another, I could see the cooperative family and team, not only in my state, but across America.

While talking with North Carolina Representatives and Senators at the U.S. Capitol regarding issues affecting my community, I learned how to step out of my comfort zone and create new communication skills to take with me into a future career. I was also offered the opportunity to interview with our model “Snack and H2O Co-op,” created to give NC Youth Tourists hands-on experience. The “cooperative” we formed was structured to represent the business model of an electric co-op, and gave us an opportunity to engage in the

roles of a board of directors, manager, and assistant manager. In the midst of learning and socializing with my fellow Youth Tourists from across the country, I toured many of the Smithsonian Museums, cruised down the Potomac River, and saw the monuments that truly express the heart of American patriotism.

The 2017 NC Youth Tourists were a group of young adults that gained many skills and memories from our experience in our nation’s capital. We were a team.

We were a family. We were the future leaders of all the American Electric Cooperatives. Thank you, REMC, for investing in the education of young adults by preparing Youth Tourists for all of their future endeavors.



Calling All High School Sophomores & Juniors...

Apply today for the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program!

One lucky student will win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June 2018.

Learn more and download an application at RandolphEMC.com!

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FINAL DEADLINE APPROACHING

Time is Ticking, Teachers!

The deadline to apply for a Bright Ideas grant from Randolph EMC is September 22!

Tell us about your creative project that provides a unique learning experience, and you could just win up to \$2,000 to make it happen.

For more information or to start your application, go to NCBrightIdeas.com.

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Table saw. 5 antique wash tubs. Western books by Zane Grey & Louis L'Amour. \$75 for 15 knives. Power adjustor for RV hookup. 336-625-4548.

2017 enclosed 6x12 trailer, V-nose, LED lights, rear ramp/door, side door, interior lights, roof vent, \$2550. Lawn edger, like new, used less than one hour, \$110. 336-381-3175.

1986 GT Convertible Mustang, red w/white top, 1 owner. \$17,000 neg. Heirloom Quilts made in early 1940s. \$125 ea. OBO. 336-629-2560.

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Lot #520 in Carolina Forest a gated residential community at Lake Tillery. Tax Value \$3900 asking \$2500. 910-947-5826.

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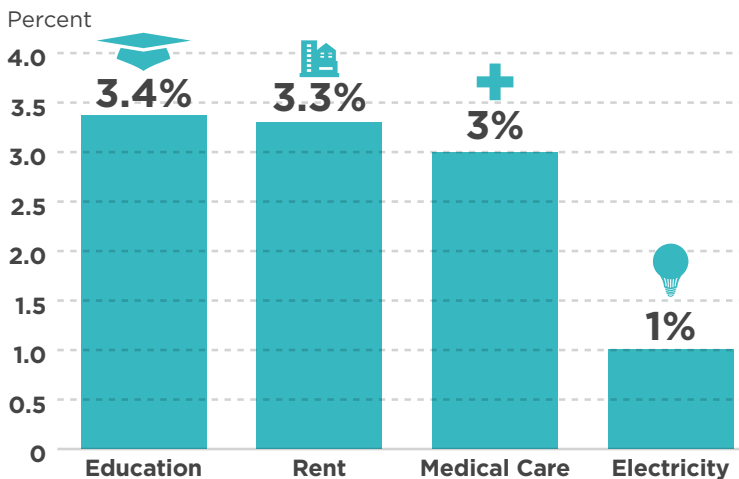
WANTED: Will pay cash for junk cars & trucks. 336-581-3423.

WANTED: Lot at Badin Lake or Lake Tillery suitable for camper or mobile home. Prefer not in gated community. before 8:00pm 336-301-2365.

ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

The cost of powering your home rises at a slower pace than many of your typical expenses. Compare the average price increase of these expenses each year over the last five years, and the value of electricity shines.

Average Annual Price Increase 2011-2016



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index

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

Trimming Future Problems

We all enjoy the beauty trees add to our region, especially during this time of year. But we also enjoy the comfort of knowing power will be available when we need it. While you're enjoying the fall foliage, you might spot some of our contractors working by the road, trimming tree branches growing too close to power lines. At Randolph Electric, we're committed to providing you with reliable power. There are some things we can't stop—high winds, ice storms, hurricanes—but we do what we can to prevent other outage culprits.

As you can probably guess, weather-related events cause the majority of power outages for electric cooperatives. But vegetation—trees, shrubs, brush—growing too close to power lines and distribution equipment can lead to just as many power interruptions if not regularly maintained.

To “cut back” on potential tree-related problems Randolph EMC operates an aggressive right-of-way maintenance program. Our contractors look for foliage growing under lines, overhanging branches, leaning or other types of “danger”

trees that could pull down a power line if they fall, as well as trees that could grow into lines. It's a job that's never done—by the time crews finish trimming activities along our 4,200 miles of distribution lines, vegetation has started to grow back at the starting point.

In working to keep a safe, reliable, and affordable supply of power flowing to your home or business, we need your help:

- Let us know if you notice trees or branches that might pose a risk to our primary power lines.
- Before planting trees in your yard, think about how tall they may grow and how wide their branches may spread. As a rule of thumb, 25 feet of ground-to-sky clearance should be available on each side of our utility poles to give power lines plenty of space.
- Choose tree varieties with care and plant with power lines in mind.

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Two Ways to Subscribe

Monthly: \$2.85 per panel

Members pay a monthly per-panel subscription fee and receive a credit for the amount of the energy produced on the same bill. A one-year commitment is required, which renews annually.

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A Word About Randolph Electric

From CEO Dale Lambert

DISASTERS DON'T PLAN AHEAD. YOU CAN.

Dear Members,

As a young kid, I distinctly remember my parents and grandparents talking about the “big hurricane” on numerous occasions. They were referring to Hurricane Hazel.

I'm sure many of our more seasoned members vividly recall when Hazel crossed the North Carolina/South Carolina border and trekked across central North Carolina on October 15, 1954. In that time period, the advanced weather tracking and warning systems we depend on today were not in place. And there certainly wasn't any advanced technology to send out notifications at a moment's notice. Most people were not aware that a major storm was coming their way and did not have the opportunity to take the necessary precautions.

I recall being told that people knew something was happening by looking at the signs around them. Changes in the sky and the farm animals acting strange provided the only clues that a unique event was about to take place.

I did some research on Hazel and this was a very impressive storm. It came ashore as a category 4 hurricane. The storm traveled 2,000 miles, from the Caribbean to Canada, and fizzled out

when it crossed into the Arctic Circle.

Hitting the mainland at high tide was a contributing factor to the 18 feet of storm surge and resulted in lives being lost and thousands of coastal homes being destroyed. That is phenomenal when you consider standing at the edge of the surf and imagine 18 feet of water above you.

I read one account about a couple who were honeymooning at a North Carolina beach, unaware of the approaching hurricane. They were awakened to sounds of the storm and escaped their flooded house by building a raft out of their mattress and floating it through a second story window to some nearby treetops where they rode out the storm. Now that's a honeymoon to remember! I can understand how a storm of that magnitude is imprinted the minds of all those that experienced it.

Well, it is that time of year again—hurricane season. We have been very fortunate that central North Carolina has been spared for several years from the direct impact of a hurricane, although September has historically been a more active month than others. I'm sure Hurricane Fran is still vivid in many of our minds.



September is National Preparedness Month. This year has an overarching theme “Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can.” This is a great time to make an emergency plan for your family that includes the advanced technology that is available to us today. Take a look at the next page for some tips on how to use technology effectively during a storm situation.

It's also important to store 1-877-736-2633, our outage reporting number, in your cell phones and update your Randolph EMC account with your family's cell phone numbers. When you do, you'll automatically receive outage text alerts from us to notify you of outages and restoration efforts at your location.

Please don't wait until disaster strikes to react. Even with all the advance warning systems our weather forecasters have today, the warnings must be heeded, the necessary precautions taken and preparations made for extensive power outages.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert
Chief Executive Officer

GET TECH READY FOR STORMS

Technology has made it easier than ever to prepare for emergencies, but it can be unreliable during emergency circumstances if you haven't planned to keep your gadgets protected and powered up. Here are some tips to make sure you are tech ready:



Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family text group, as well as a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find. Visit ready.gov/make-a-plan for a complete communication plan guide.



Before a disaster, follow local government, emergency management agencies and Randolph EMC on social media to stay up to date with information before, during, and after a disaster. REMC's mobile app has links to our social sites and outage map and you'll automatically receive texts from us if your mobile number is listed in your account.



Use text messages, social media and email to connect with friends and family during emergencies. Mobile networks can become overwhelmed during emergencies, so using channels that require less bandwidth can be more reliable during situations when many people are trying to use their mobile phones at the same time.



Have an emergency charging option for your phone and other mobile devices. Make sure that all of your electronic devices are fully charged before storms hit. If the power goes out, preserve battery power by minimizing use and switching to low power or airplane mode. Keep a back-up power source on hand to recharge your phone so that you can stay connected even during an extended power outage.



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