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The Monthly Newsletter for Members of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation



Del Cranford Elected Board President of National Cooperative Finance Corporation

The Board of Directors of National

Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp. (CFC) recently elected Delbert Cranford as President at the 2012 CFC Annual Meeting. Mr. Cranford has served on the CFC board since 2007 and as the Vice President of CFC since 2011.

Mr. Cranford has served as a board director of Randolph EMC since 1989, serving as president from 1995 to 2002 and vice president from 1994 to 1995.

“Mr. Cranford is well-suited for his role as CFC Board President. His leadership over the last 23 years on the Board of Directors for Randolph Electric has been invaluable, and I am confident that his experience

with the CFC will be beneficial for our cooperative at the local level. We are extremely proud of his accomplishments within the electric utility industry,” said Dale Lambert, Chief Executive Officer for REMC.

Mr. Cranford is a director and former president of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives, Inc. and also served on the North Carolina Electric Membership Corp. Board. Mr. Cranford also serves on the advisory board for First Bank Corp. in Denton, N.C. He has been a retail pharmacist since 1966 and an owner of retail pharmacies since 1984.

CFC is a nonprofit cooperative that provides capital and industry-leading financial products to the nation’s rural utility systems.



Legislative activities in Raleigh always have the potential to make an impact on the cooperative.

North Carolina Senator Jerry Tillman recently stopped by Randolph EMC’s Asheboro office to meet with employees and discuss issues that affect Randolph EMC members and the electric utility industry.

Tillman is pictured above with REMC employees Dale Lambert, Joe Warling, Ruth Morrison and Adam Hargett.



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Randolph EMC will be closed Monday, **May 28** for Memorial Day.



OPERATION: FARM SAFE



Reservations Required	Call Suzanne Baldwin @ 336.685.4692 on or before May 16th
Who can participate	Open to all students between the ages of 5 & 13
When	Saturday June 2, 2012 Check-in 9:00 am Classes 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Where	Sunny Slopes Farm 2994 Fairview Farm Road, Asheboro, NC
What you will learn	EMS/First Aid, Equipment Safety, Fire Safety, Electrical Safety, Firearm Safety, Animal Safety, Pesticide Safety ATV/Dirt Bike Safety
Cost	\$5 per student
What to bring	Lawn Chair and completed forms which you will receive by mail after you make your reservation
Lunch	Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served

SWAPSHOP

For Sale

Simplicity riding mower, hydro 34" deck, 13 HP Kohler engine, owner manuals. \$850. 336-625-5612.

Log splitter used 4 times, like new. Troy-Bilt 27 ton, cuts up or down. \$800. 336-873-7871.

1972 Mercury Comet GT \$3,000. 336-873-7871.

1998 Trailer 16' x 8' dual axle \$750. Single axle 8' x 4.5' lawn mower trailer dump bed \$100. 336-382-4379.

Baby bunnies \$15. Appaloosa horse 3 years old, green, \$450. Free kittens. 336-879-3320.

14 x 70 2BR, 2BA mobile home on 2.328 acres, half-acre fenced, 2 miles from Seagrove school. CHA/plus wood fired water stove, many extras, \$52,500. 336-301-4767.

2500 series 4x4 white 2001 Dodge Laramie SLT pickup with heavy duty towing package, rails, bedliner, toolbox, flowmaster mufflers, EC, sheltered, must see to appreciate, \$8,500. 336-879-3765.

7'x18' trailer 10,000 LB GVW, tandem axles, each with brakes, treated hardwood floor, electric brakes & lights, reflectors, reinforced mesh wire ramp, adjustable hitch, 2' treated wood sideboards, reinforced construction throughout, sheltered, must see to appreciate, \$4300. 336-879-3765.

Little Wonder Blower, 3-wheel, 9 HP Honda. Like new. \$695. 336-362-3342.

Organic square bales of horse quality hay, fescue, fescue & rye, out of field \$2.85, 2nd quality when available \$1.65. 336-317-4105. Also, 3,000 red sex link pullets (young, laying age chickens), brown eggs, vaccinated & debeaked, \$6.25 & up. 336-708-2998.

50 lb bag feed wheat \$8.50 per bag. 336-622-2480.

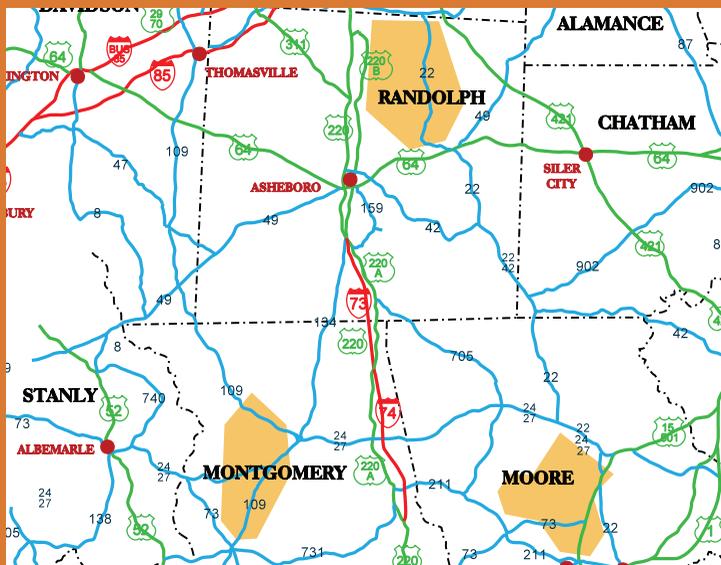
Small horse, female, approx. 7 years old, child saddle & tack, in Uwharrie community, \$400. 910-572-2582.

For Rent

Vacation Condo Rentals, North Myrtle Beach, Monday – Friday. Shore Crest I Ocean View 1 BR \$320, 2BR \$540, Ocean Front \$640. Shore Crest II Marsh View \$480. 919-545-4129 or 919-545-4027.

Members may enter Swap Shop items online at RandolphEMC.com or email to General@RandolphEMC.com.

MAY SMART METER INSTALLATIONS



Crews will be installing smart meters in these areas in May

CONTACT US

Electric Service:

Asheboro(336) 625-5177
.....(800) 672-8212

Robbins Area:(910) 948-3401
.....(800) 868-7014

Power Failures:(877) REMC-OFF
.....(1-877-736-2633)

Bill Payments:(877) 534-2319

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5 Tips for Easy Heat Pump Maintenance



Like all heating and cooling systems, proper maintenance remains the key to efficient heat pump operation. The difference in electric use between a well-maintained heat pump and a severely neglected one ranges from 10 percent to 25 percent! Here are five tips for maintaining your heat pump:

- 1** Remember not to set back a heat pump's thermostat if it causes any backup heating system to kick on; they are usually more expensive to operate.
- 2** Clean or change filters once a month or as needed, and maintain the system according to manufacturer's instructions. Dirty filters, coils, and fans reduce airflow, which will decrease system performance and possibly damage the compressor.
- 3** Clean outdoor coils whenever they appear dirty; occasionally, turn off power to the fan and clean it; remove vegetation and clutter from around the outdoor unit.
- 4** Clean the supply and return registers within your home, and straighten their fins if bent.
- 5** Have a professional service your heat pump at least every year. Technicians generally inspect the unit, verify proper performance, and diagnose and repair problems.

Welcome New Businesses!



The following businesses recently signed up to participate in the Co-op Connections program. View their offers at www.Connections.coop/ **RandolphEMC** (case sensitive).

- **Quarry Hills Country Club (Graham)**
- **Renee Swanson Photography (Asheboro)**
- **Safe-T-Works (Asheboro)**
- **State of the ART Custom Framing (Asheboro)**

Add your business to the list at www.RandolphEMC.com/



Got a New Portable Generator? Read This First!

Q I bought a new generator so that I'd be prepared for the next power outage. Is there anything special I should know about installing it?

A Randolph Electric strongly recommends that a licensed electrician install home generators to ensure they meet all local electrical codes. Also, make sure your generator is properly grounded in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Do not connect generators directly to the household wiring unless an appropriate transfer switch has been installed by a licensed, qualified electrician. **Without the proper transfer switch, power provided by the generator can "backfeed" along the power lines, creating a significant electrocution hazard for anyone coming in contact with the lines, including lineworkers making necessary repairs.**

Never operate a generator inside your home or in any other enclosed—or even partially enclosed—area. Generators very quickly produce carbon monoxide, which can easily enter your home. You should have at least one battery-operated or battery-backup carbon monoxide alarm in your home and test it before using your generator.

The best place for a generator is on a dry surface under an open, canopy-like structure. Do not operate it in wet conditions or where there is standing water.

Visit our website at www.RandolphEMC.com for more information about portable generator safety.

a word about Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert



74th Annual Meeting is Right Around the Corner

Dear Members,

In my younger days, I heard this saying many times, "The older you get, the faster time flies by." Yea, right. At one time I was a skeptic of this view of life. But as the gray hair has started to appear—and some of my friends and co-workers will remind me that's been a while back—I have moved from a skeptic to a subscriber of this philosophy.

With that in mind, we're planning for another annual meeting of the members of Randolph EMC. Just seems like a couple of months ago since we gathered for our previous annual meeting.

Please mark your calendars now for the 74th Annual Meeting, which will be held on Friday, June 15, 2012, at Southwestern Randolph High School in their air-conditioned gymnasium. I encourage you to be active and attend the annual meeting of your electric utility.

The annual meeting is important because it gives our members the opportunity to come together and hear reports about the condition and the operation of their cooperative for the past year. As I have noted in previous AWARE columns, the electric utility industry is undergoing tremendous change and this is a chance for us to update you on the impact these changes can have on our members.

Unlike investor-owned utilities, those receiving their electric service from Randolph EMC own the cooperative. The members have a voice in the operation of the business through their participation at the annual meeting. In addition to the business portion of the meeting, members will elect three individuals to represent their interests on the Board of Directors. Randolph EMC's Board of Directors is comprised of nine members that meet monthly to hear reports, make decisions and set the direction for the cooperative.

The three directorate districts that will stand for election this year are District 5, currently held by Delbert Cranford; District 8, currently held by Steve Harris; and District 9, currently held by Billy Maness.

The annual meeting is also a good time to get together with old friends, and is a chance to establish new friendships from other parts of the Randolph EMC cooperative family.

Your cooperative's electric distribution system covers over 1,500 square miles of area in five counties. It stretches from Mt. Gilead to Snow Camp, from Badin Lake to Goldston, and from Randleman to Pinehurst. Annually, for the last 73 years, members from across Randolph EMC's service territory have converged to conduct the business of the cooperative. This is a tradition that should continue and grow even stronger in the future.

The annual meeting is not all business, though. There will be music for your enjoyment, homemade ice cream and lots of information about conservation and energy efficiency to help you save on your electric bill. A new treat we'll have for you this year is our high-voltage, live-line demonstration. You won't want to miss this, folks! You'll learn about power line safety and see firsthand that lots of our outages aren't caused by just weather.

Another reason to attend the annual meeting is that we award some really nice door prizes! You'll have the chance to win more than 100 prizes that range from small appliances to local pottery, and we will have bicycles of all sizes and other fun prizes for the children who attend. No one leaves empty-handed, though. Each registered member that attends will receive a gift at the conclusion of the evening.

In next month's *Carolina Country*, you will receive the annual report, additional information and your registration card for the annual meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert
Chief Executive Officer