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## Randolph EMC Recognized at State Annual Meetings

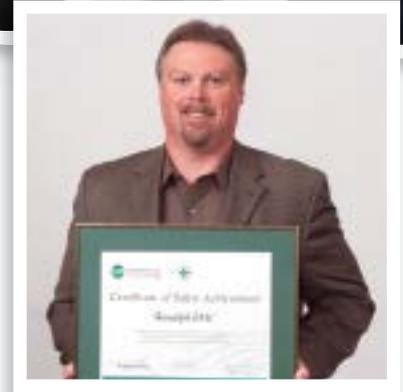
Randolph Electric Membership Corp. received recognition in several areas at the joint annual meetings of North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC) and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) in April.

Three officials from Randolph Electric Membership Corporation were recognized for their years of service to the electric cooperative. Jerry M. Bowman was honored for 20 years of service, Delbert Cranford was honored for 25 years of service, and Larry Routh was honored for 30 years of service.

The cooperative also received national recognition for its compliance with a comprehensive safety program called the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program (RESAP).

RESAP is one of the few programs in the country that provides electric cooperatives a management tool for continuous safety and loss control assessment. The certificate—the 14th to be awarded to the cooperative—was presented to Jay Albright, District Vice President of Randolph EMC at the annual meeting.

REMC's Chief Executive Officer, Dale F. Lambert, was elected to serve as secretary-treasurer of the board of directors for North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC). As a member of this board, Lambert is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining a power supply system to



Top (L-R): CEO Dale Lambert is pictured with Board Members Delbert Cranford and Jerry Bowman, who were commended for their years of service with Randolph EMC. Bottom, District Vice President Jay Albright is pictured with Randolph Electric's RESAP certificate.

serve the capacity and energy requirements of most of the state's member cooperatives.

NCAEC is the trade association for the 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina, providing employee training, communication and related services. Collectively, electric cooperatives serve 2.5 million people in 93 of the state's 100 counties. NCEMC is one of the nation's largest generation and transmission cooperatives.

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# Tanner Henson to Represent REMC in D.C. as Youth Tour Delegate

Tanner Henson, a rising junior at Chatham Central High School, was selected to represent Randolph Electric as the electric cooperative's delegate for the 2014 NC Rural Electric Youth Tour in



Left to right: Mitch Stensland, CCHS Principal; Tanner Henson, and Lauren Ingold, REMC's Public Relations Coordinator.

Washington, D.C., June 14-20. Tanner will join more than 1,500 high school students from across the country to learn about cooperatives, the rural electric program, U.S. history, government and democracy.

Tanner is the son of Randolph Electric members Tami and Johnny Henson of Asheboro. His grandparents are Wade and Carol Robbins of Seagrove. We are proud that Tanner will represent us in Washington and look forward to sharing details of his trip with our members when he returns.



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5th Wheel Hitch 16,000 lb. Very good condition, \$190. 910-464-3914.

Barn, 75 yrs old, you take down. \$2,000 OBO. 336-381-4710.

Miscellaneous 57 Chevy parts. 740-403-7148.

Two new double replacement windows 65" x 35 1/2", tan color, \$260 for both. Three Continental 17" tires, like new, size P225/60R-17, all 3 for \$125. Also one 17" 6 lugs rim, new, \$80 neg. 336-629-5694.

Organic square bales horse quality hay, orchard & fescue, rye & fescue, late season coastal bermuda & fescue, 40 lb. bales, out of field pick up \$2.85 & up, off trailer \$3.75 & up, in barn \$4.25 & up, Liberty area. 336-317-4105.

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# OPERATION: FARM SAFE



REMC is proud to be a sponsor for the Randolph Livestock & Poultry Improvement Association's Safety Day Camp, which will be held on May 31, 2014, at Sunny Slopes Farm.

Students between the ages of 5 and 14 from Randolph and surrounding counties are invited to participate in this fun-filled event that teaches fire, electrical, firearm, animal, and bike safety and much more. The cost is just \$5 per student and includes lunch, but reservations are required, so call today!

*To register, call Suzanne Baldwin at 336.685.4692 or 336.633.8993 on or before May 14th*

## TOGETHER WE SAVE

### Give Your Home's Energy Use a Vacation While You're on Vacation

Going on vacation? Even if you plan to be away just a few days, you can save energy in your home when you travel. Here are a few ways to give your utility bill a break when you take a break:



**Water heater.** Turn down the temperature, so it doesn't keep the water warm while you are away.



**Thermostat.** During hot weather, turn up the thermostat on your air conditioning system. That way, you'll save energy while ensuring that your home doesn't get too warm. In winter, lower the temperature on your furnace. The house can be as cool as 50 degrees without the risk of your pipes freezing.



**Refrigerator.** Depending on food stored in your fridge, you may be able to turn the thermostat as high as 38 degrees without risking spoilage. Storing water-filled bottles in your refrigerator can prevent temperature fluctuations, which will save energy. Food in the freezer compartment will stay frozen if the temperature remains at minus 5 degrees.



**Lights.** Turn off all lights in your home. You may want to install timers on one or two lights for security.



**Electronics.** Unless you're recording something while away, unplug electronic devices—computer, monitor and printer, TV and cable boxes, DVD player, microwave, and digital clocks. Any electronics with digital displays, instant-on features, or remote controls will consume energy even if they're not in use.

# AWARE

a word about  
Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert, CEO

## Dear Members,

In 2013, Randolph Electric celebrated 75 years of providing “power” to members in Randolph, Moore, Montgomery, Alamance and Chatham counties. The “power” I’m referring to has two meanings. Yes, the reference implies the electricity we all depend on every day to carry out everything from the most mundane tasks to sustaining the quality of life we all enjoy.

But a deeper interpretation refers to the “power” of the membership because of their ownership and control of Randolph EMC. It all began in 1938, when neighbors, just like you, saw the benefits of electricity their city neighbors enjoyed and



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—Mrs. Grace Maynor, REMC Member

knew the only way they would be able to enjoy those benefits was to take action themselves. And take action they did.

Over the past few months, I have written a few articles providing some history of those early days. Last year, I asked you to share those early memories of “when the lights came on,” and several of you did. Mrs. Grace Maynor, a member from Mt. Gilead, sent me a handwritten letter with her early memories. I am happy to share with you the following excerpts paraphrased from her letter.

*I was born in 1933 and REA came to the county when I was either 9 or 10 years old. My dad built our house and our first winter we only had outside walls. I can vividly remember many mornings my mom took our top quilt out and shook the snow off before the fire was built, so it wouldn’t melt and wet the quilt.*

*Before electricity, life was much different. My brother and I carried water ¼ mile from the spring for mom to wash our clothes. Mom cooked on the wood stove (oh, those baked sweet potatoes, no electric stove can compare). To do our homework, my younger brother and I sat on the cold floor in front of the fireplace because we could see better in front of the fire than by the lamp, which had a smoky globe and often the fire ran down into the kerosene.*

*When power came to our area, my dad dug us a well and we had a hand pump, and oh boy, we finally had water! In our house, we had a light bulb with a string that hung down in each room. Man it was great! By the time I was 13 years old, we*

*had a refrigerator washer, radio and a few small appliances.*

*At 20 years old I married. When my husband and I started our home, I was still cooking on a wood stove and had a few other appliances. My husband, who was in the service, came home from duty and said which do you want, a stove or a freezer? With money tight, we couldn’t afford both, so I chose the freezer. Thirty years ago, my husband, who passed in 2009, built us a home and the only thing we splurged on was insulation—we had a blessed home. Still today, I have very few modern conveniences, by choice.*

*Over the years, I have been to more than fifty Randolph Electric Annual Meetings. In fact, my daughter was born in September and when she was 9 months old, I took her to her first meeting. My daughter, now 60, and I still love your meetings and look forward to the ice cream and watching the hit-and-miss engines run.*

*I must say, REMC line crews are some of the nicest guys I’ve ever met. Many years ago, we had a terrible winter storm and ice and snow stayed on the ground over a month. During the time I didn’t have power, I cooked stews and soups on the wood heater, along with hoe cakes (bread) and coffee. Cooped up in the house, it was great when your men showed up. They had coffee with us a few times and ate some of the food I prepared.*

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*Thought you might enjoy a trip down memory lane.*

*God bless and thanks for power.*

I hope you enjoyed reading Mrs. Maynor’s letter as much as I did. I am so grateful to her for taking the time to share her memories with us. For me, she painted a vivid picture in my mind of life before and after electricity.

There are many aspects of those early days many of us wish would return, often referred to as “the good old days.” One thing is for sure with me, I would hate to live without electricity.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert,  
Chief Executive Officer

