

Watts Working

Investing in Our Youth

At Randolph EMC, we take great pride in highlighting the value of cooperative membership to young people. After all, they're our members- and leaders-in-training.

Whether we're offering rural students the opportunity to participate in a camp in Raleigh, a trip in Washington, D.C., or an exciting educational project locally, we're helping our future leaders gain skills and confidence that they can take with them wherever life leads them.

We invite students from across our service area to apply for these upcoming opportunities:

Rural Electric Youth Tour *For Rising Juniors or Seniors*

One area high school student will represent Randolph EMC on the prestigious Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 12-19, 2015. The all-expenses-paid trip brings together more than 1,600 highly talented, ambitious young people from across the country for an incredible week in the nation's capital to further develop their leadership skills and ambitions. Applications are due to REMC by Monday, March 16th.



Touchstone Energy Sports Camps *For Rising 6th, 7th, or 8th Graders*

Two middle school students will be awarded scholarships to build confidence on and off the court over the summer. The Wolfpack Women's basketball camp will be held June 14-17. The Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp takes place June 20-24. Applications are due Tuesday, March 31st.



For more information about these and other educational opportunities, visit our website at www.RandolphEMC.com.

In Memory

Joseph "Frank" Kennedy



Randolph EMC mourns the recent passing of former director Joseph "Frank" Kennedy of Highfalls. Mr. Kennedy's dedicated service to our cooperative is notable, with his leadership spanning 27 years. He served on our Board of Directors from 1982 to 2009, representing the REMC's Seventh Directorate District.

"I had the privilege to serve on the REMC Board with Frank for more than 20 years," said Board President Bob Wright. "Frank was

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a dedicated golfer and as I played the game with him over the years, I discovered that he served in his capacity as an REMC Board member in the same manner as he approached the game of golf—with dedication, discipline, focus, passion and compassion. He served his district and all REMC consumers with distinction and I am extremely grateful that our paths in life crossed," he added.

Randolph EMC's CEO, Dale Lambert, shared in President Wright's sentiments. "I am thankful for the opportunity to have worked for Mr. Kennedy," he said. "He was a man of great integrity and faith. Randolph EMC is stronger today because of his dedication and leadership."

Our sincere condolences go to his family members and his many friends.



PHP to Share \$10,000 in Grants with Local Non-Profit Agencies

In October, 2014, Randolph EMC's People Helping People (PHP) program received a \$5,000 grant from CoBank's Sharing Success matching grant program. Combined with Randolph EMC's matching \$5,000 donation, PHP has \$10,000 to award to local non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations to help make a positive impact in our home communities.

People Helping People (PHP) is a program that provides financial support to organizations and individuals within the five counties served by Randolph EMC. Money for members is raised by members. Those who wish to participate simply elect to round up their power bills to the nearest dollar each month.

Non-profit agencies in Randolph, Moore, Montgomery, Alamance and Chatham counties are invited to submit proposals to the PHP board for funding up to \$2,000. Grants should be used to implement



Round Up to Give a Hand Up with Randolph EMC

programs or purchase needed equipment to facilitate a program that could be utilized by Randolph EMC members in need.

Proposal requests will be accepted through Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Once this information has been reviewed and approved, the People Helping People Board will send your organization a grant application to be completed and submitted no later than April 6, 2015.

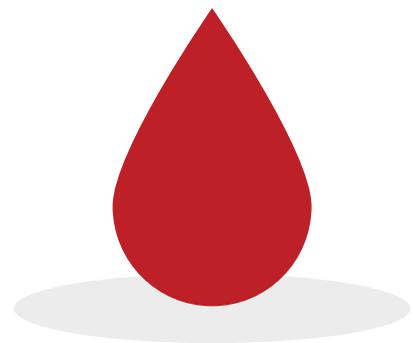
To receive a grant application, please send a brief letter of request stating the following:

- Organization name
- Intended goal
- Amount of funding requested
- How the funding will be utilized locally

All proposals should be directed to Lauren Ingold, Randolph EMC/PHP, PO Box 40, Asheboro, NC 27204.

Join Us for a BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, April 10, 2015
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
879 McDowell Road | Asheboro



To schedule an appointment, call Lauren Ingold at 336-625-5177.

Electric Service

Asheboro.....(336) 625-5177
 (800) 672-8212
 Robbinston.....(910) 948-3401
 (800) 868-7014
 Power Failures:.....(877) REMC-OFF
 (877) 736-2633
 Bill Payments:.....(877) 534-2319
 Office Hours:..... 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, M-F

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SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE

Klaussner Wingback chair, claw feet, with matching ottoman. Tan, burgundy & green tapestry, like new, \$425. Delivery fee \$25. Carthage area. 910-947-5096.

Oak dining set, round claw foot table, 6 chairs, 2 leaves, Golden Oak collection from Hardin's Furniture \$500. Outside dining room set, rectangular table, 6 chairs, gray \$300. 7' diving board for in-ground pool, \$100. Fiberglass pool slide for in-ground pool, \$100. GC. 336-498-2967.

14' cow trailer, \$1500. Fertilizer spreader, \$100. 10' feed trough, \$50. Two 12' gates & eight 12' panels, best offer. 910-464-3613.

1995 Toyota Camry, sunroof, rear spoiler, alloy wheels, new front brakes, GC, 75% tread remains on tires. 498,000 miles. \$1,950. Maintenance receipts avail. 336-381-3175.

Gas Pack, GC, everything included \$1,000 OBO. Cedar 9-gun cabinet, glass or wood doors with drawer & shelf, \$500 OBO. Gas furnace, hangs from ceiling, \$400 OBO. Tub & shower enclosure, all parts, \$75 OBO. Homelite XL 12 chain saw, 3 bars & several chains, \$75 OBO. Pressure washer engine, \$75 OBO. Delivery available. 336-824-2184.

Speaker Polk Audio Superior surround sound system. Yamaha digital processor; Dolby pro logic with enhanced control. AM/FM tuner; CD player input; Turntable input; TV video input; with remote control \$300. 910-439-1918.

Pedestal sink, white, with fittings, \$100. 336-409-5450.

F-700 Dump truck, \$4,700. 910-464-3459.

2002 Hyundai car, GC. 1986 Chevrolet C10 Long bed pickup truck, with new motor. 336-824-4308.

Massey Ferguson 431 Tractor with only 146 hrs. \$11,500 neg. 336-879-8294.

Two Reddy Kerosene space heaters. Concrete float. Walk board 1' x 24'. Two Emglo Compressors. Werner extension ladders. 336-629-5866.

Wood splitter, 8 hp gas engine, hydraulic ram off of fork lift, maybe 25-30 ton ram \$375. Also 45 hp Long tractor for sale, new clutch, rebuilt engine, front-end loader \$4,000. Carthage area. 910-315-1780.

Handmade quilts, F, Q & K, \$100 - \$175 neg. 336-625-4548.

Pressure cooker, \$15. 2-shelf TV table, \$50. Flower vases, \$1 each. Color TV, \$20. Steamer, \$10. Maytag Refrigerator, \$80. Microwaves, \$15. Wall mount Natural gas heater or use free standing including remote, \$175. Cappuccino-coffee machine, \$30. Walker with extra arm attachment, \$25. AB Circle Pro with calorie counter, \$30. Paper shredder \$15. Commercial vinyl tile cutter \$70. Fax machine \$100. Ditch witch & trailer with title, needs work \$600. 336-879-3320.

3,000 Red Sex Sal Link pullets, chickens at laying age 16 weeks plus, vaccinated & debeaked, \$6.75 & up. Liberty area. 336-708-2998.

FOR RENT: 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath mobile home Putnam-Glendon area. \$475 deposit, \$475 per month. Also a separate mobile home lot in the same area \$150 per month. 910-464-3459.

FOR RENT: Timeshare, North Myrtle Beach at Peppertree Ocean Club. First week in June. Oceanfront Condo with one bedroom with King size bed, pull out Queen sofa in the living room, 1 bath, kitchen, 4th floor. \$650 for the week. 336-625-4548.

Members, email SwapShop items to
General@RandolphEMC.com

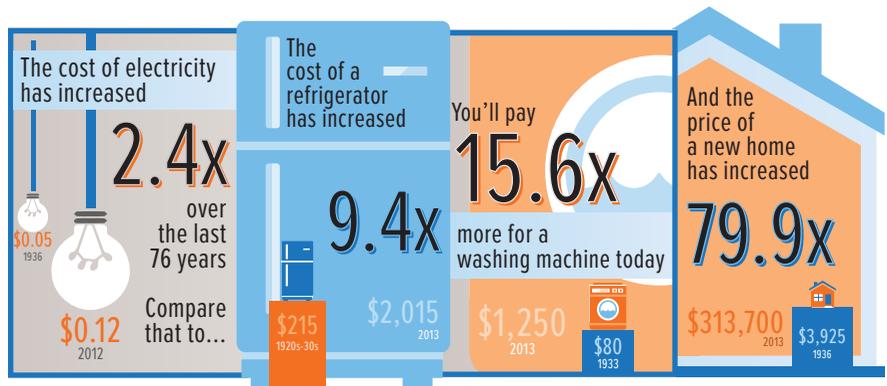
Weather Storms Safely



- Keep several flashlights with extra batteries available. Use extreme caution when using candles or kerosene lamps.
- Have an alternative heating and cooking source available. Take all necessary precautions to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Have a sufficient supply of non-perishable food and drinking water on hand and be sure you have a non-electric can opener.
- Fill the bathtub with water to be used as non-potable water.
- Have a sufficient supply of essential medications and a first aid kit.
- Have a portable battery-operated radio and extra batteries.
- Make plans for the needs of elderly or handicapped family members.
- Have enough cash on hand for a few days and gas up your car.
- Use extreme caution when connecting portable generators. Incorrect installation can lead to accidental electrocution or damaged appliances.
- If you lose power, check your breakers first, then report your outage to 1-877-736-2633. For the fastest response, update your REMC account to list any phone numbers—including cell phones—that might be used to report an outage.
- Always stay away from, and keep others away from, downed power lines!

the VALUE of ELECTRICITY

Electricity was very valuable to rural homes and farms when introduced by electric cooperatives in the 1930s and 1940s. As technology and efficiency grew along with the demand for electric power, the cost of electricity remained steady. Look at these comparisons.



AWARE

a word about
Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert, CEO

Dear Members,

“Weather” is a main theme for many of our conversations. The weather is a conversational topic that transcends generational, gender, regional and even nationality gaps. Anytime we feel the need to have a conversation, even with a complete stranger, a safe bet is, “the weather sure is nice today.”

There many methods our society uses to predict weather. I’ve always liked the folklore used by my parents and grandparents. You know them well and can even add to the list:

- Red sky at night, sailor’s delight; red sky in morning, sailor take warning.
- A ring around the sun or moon, means rain or snow is coming soon. The number of stars within the ring indicate how many days before bad weather arrives.
- When smoke hovers close to the ground, a weather change is coming round.
- The darker the woolly caterpillar’s coat, the more severe the winter will be. If there’s a dark stripe at the head and one at the end, the winter will be severe at the beginning, become mild, and then get worse just before spring.
- If you hear thunder in the winter, it will snow within seven days.
- If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb.

After an intense and exhaustive study to determine which methods provide the most accurate weather forecast, I have narrowed the list down to one standout that is always 100 percent correct. It’s the one that

occurs after the event, often referred to as “armchair quarterbacking.”

Case in point was the forecasted blizzard and record-breaking snowstorm predicted in late January for New York City. The storm was predicted to be the most intense in New York’s history with 24 to 36 inches of snow. In advance of the storm, public transportation was shut down, a travel ban was imposed, hundreds of flights were canceled, and the city’s subway system was shut down for the first time in its 110-year history!

Thankfully, the storm track stayed further off the coast and turned out to be just a normal winter event for the city. Boston and other New England areas did receive record amounts of snow, however.

Gary Szatkowski, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, issued this statement after what was labeled as his “big forecast miss.” “My deepest apologies to many key decision makers and so many members of the general public. You made a lot of tough decisions expecting us to get it right, and we didn’t. Once again, I’m sorry.”

Meteorologists have an extremely difficult job. Sometimes they’re right, sometimes they’re not.

We have been through some extreme storms together in my thirty years at the cooperative. From hurricanes, like Fran, to ice, snow and wind storms, Randolph EMC has experienced our share through the years.

One prediction that I feel confident in making, though, is that we will



have more storms. And these storms will cause the power to go out.

Keep in mind that just because March has arrived doesn’t mean the possibility of a major winter storm event has passed. On March 7, 2014, a heavy ice storm hit the northern section of our service area and 42 percent of members were out of power, some for several days.

You expect us to have a plan in place and be ready to respond when these storms come, even on very short notice. We have a detailed plan that can be activated at a moment’s notice, and I want to encourage you to have a plan for you and your family as well.

The National Weather Service has declared March 1st – 7th as Severe Weather Awareness Week in North Carolina. This annual event serves as a reminder for families to prepare for the inevitable. Take a moment to look over our safety tips on page C and use them to help assemble an emergency kit and create an emergency plan to share with each member of your family. After all, the better you are prepared, the easier you will “weather” the storm.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert,
Chief Executive Officer