

# Watts Working

## My Youth Tour Experience

Before going on the N.C. Rural Electric Youth Tour, I was captivated by the idea of touring our nation's capital and, foremost, meeting our North Carolina representatives. The process of applying for the Youth Tour Delegate included an application and an interview, which I will come to appreciate, as interview experience is invaluable in the working world.

After what I thought was a somewhat successful interview, I anxiously awaited the results that following week. Much to my dismay, I did not receive any information from Randolph EMC in the time the

delegate was to be chosen. However, later that week at school, I had the most pleasant surprise of being named the delegate at my school. I would like to thank



**Adam Davis**  
2015 Youth Tour Delegate

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation for giving me such an amazing opportunity. No one could prepare me for one of the most eye-opening journeys of my life where I would learn so much, meet amazing people from my state and many others, and be introduced to some of our state leaders.

While in D.C., I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the numerous monuments, memorials, and the incredible museums.

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Seeing all of these attractions gave me the true sense of why America itself is important as the democratic beacon of the world. It pays respects to our founding fathers, our presidents, our social activists, and most importantly, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedom. The visit to Arlington Cemetery was truly humbling as you realize freedom is not free and that many people have given it all to defend our great country.

Even more incredible were the moments I shared with our local North Carolina representatives, especially Renee Ellmers, my local representative. It was surreal talking with them and discussing current issues and solutions. This interaction was one of the main reasons this trip was valuable and why I believe Randolph EMC sponsors young adults for this unique experience. Electric cooperatives are connected to and interact with their customers much like our representatives for our state. They invest in people and appreciate their input. The service they provide to rural areas is critical and they take their work very seriously. Like our state representatives, electric co-ops value and listen to the people they serve.



With Congresswoman Renee Ellmers

This life-changing trip opened my eyes to many things, but most of all, it revealed the most literal representation of how cooperatives work and how they provide electricity and serve on a member-first basis. Areas further away from cities benefit immensely from the co-ops who supply power to those outside of a profitable range for other companies, much as our nation's Congress represents and protects those who elected them, from sea to shining sea. The N.C. Youth Tour was an incredible experience and I am so grateful that I was chosen as Randolph Electric's delegate. I would recommend this scholarship to anyone who would like to further their knowledge about our nation and electric cooperatives. It truly was a trip of a lifetime!



## North Carolina Electric Cooperatives' Youth Tourists with Senator Richard Burr

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## PHP's Community Grant Supports Montgomery County 4-H Youth

Montgomery County 4-H youth are sporting a new pull-behind trailer, thanks to a \$1,500 grant they received from REMC's People Helping People Program.

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation's People Helping People (PHP) Program awarded \$11,700 to 11 local non-profit agencies in April as part of a special Community Grants program. Funding for the awards was made possible in part by money that PHP received from national cooperative lender CoBank's Sharing Success matching grant program.

"The pull-behind trailer allows students to attend more events and supports growth in community agriculture programs," notes Christine Haynes, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development in Montgomery County. "Now we will be able to attend programs throughout the state and promote youth leadership thanks to the generous grant from People Helping People."

This is the third year that People Helping People has received funding from CoBank's Sharing Success matching grant program. In previous years, grants were used to build up the organization's reserves; however, this year's \$5,000 grant, combined with Randolph EMC's matching \$5,000 donation, was earmarked to help non-profit agencies with high-impact projects.

To learn more about PHP and the other ways the program helps REMC members, visit [RandolphEMC.com](http://RandolphEMC.com) and click on the People Helping People tab under the *Community* menu.

## SWAP SHOP

### For Sale

Apple grinder with flywheel & hopper by Happy Valley Ranch, \$290 OBO. 336-879-5298.

1965 John Deere 110 Lawn Tractor, totally restored, mechanical, electrical, paint, & decals. \$3,000. 980-233-1108.

Valleyhead 12" Saddle - Circle M - EC, \$450. 1985 WEBE Ponderosa Tag-Along two-horse trailer, \$1500. 910-464-3679.

Lowe's Dump Trailer, pulls behind lawn mower, used once, \$75. 6 1/2 ft. pre-lit Christmas tree, free. 336-857-0138 or 336-301-2365.

Murray riding mower, 17 hp, 40" cut with grass catcher. New belts & battery. \$450. 336-381-3175.

Leinbach Potato Plow with 1-point hitch attachment, both work on Farmall tractors. \$175. 336-879-8294.

1950 B Allis Chalmers with cultivators, etc. \$1800. 910-673-2504.

Reese Spring Bars for a camper or tow trailer 12,000 lbs. max trailer weight. \$100. 336-629-2560.

Simplicity 44" cut, 16 HP Kohler engine lawn tractor, \$650. Stehl Tow Car Dolly, \$800. 336-376-1928.

Kaufman trailer, gooseneck, 16 ft, steel floor, tandem ramps, \$1600. Denton area. 336-857-2368.

Oak light fixture, 4 fluorescent bulbs, VGC, \$50. 336-409-5450.

2 Cub Cadet mowers Model #3186, 20 HP Kohler engines, EC. Great for parts. \$400 for both. 919-663-4596.

Concrete float, Werner extension ladders, step ladders, Dewalt Miter saw, Werner 12in x 24 ft walk board, nail guns, 1800 sq. ft metal building with 1 acre of land. 336-629-5866.

Wood working equipment: Sears woodshaper with stand \$150, Shopsmith 12" planer with stand \$300, Sears 10" bandsaw \$75. Equipment for Cub Farmall Tractor, Sickle Mower \$100, Woodsaw with pulley \$100, Disc Plow \$100, Mott Mower \$300. 910-464-2331.

Left front & rear windows & window regulators from 1995 Camry. \$50 each. 336-381-3175.

Piano. VGC. \$1200 OBO. 336-241-2652 after 1 pm.

Upright Piano & bench, GC, \$250. 440-371-6592.

3 bedroom 1 bath house on a 1/2 acre lot located on Lions Rest Rd, Asheboro. Needs minor repairs. Best offer. 336-736-8105.

White twin size bed includes headboard, footboard, rails, & 4-drawer white chest, \$200 OBO. 336-683-5229.

New handmade quilts, F, Q & K. Will also repair & finish quilts. Also paperback Western books for sale. 336-625-4548.

Cleaned Feed Wheat, 50-lb. bag, \$9. 336-622-2480 or 336-736-0390.

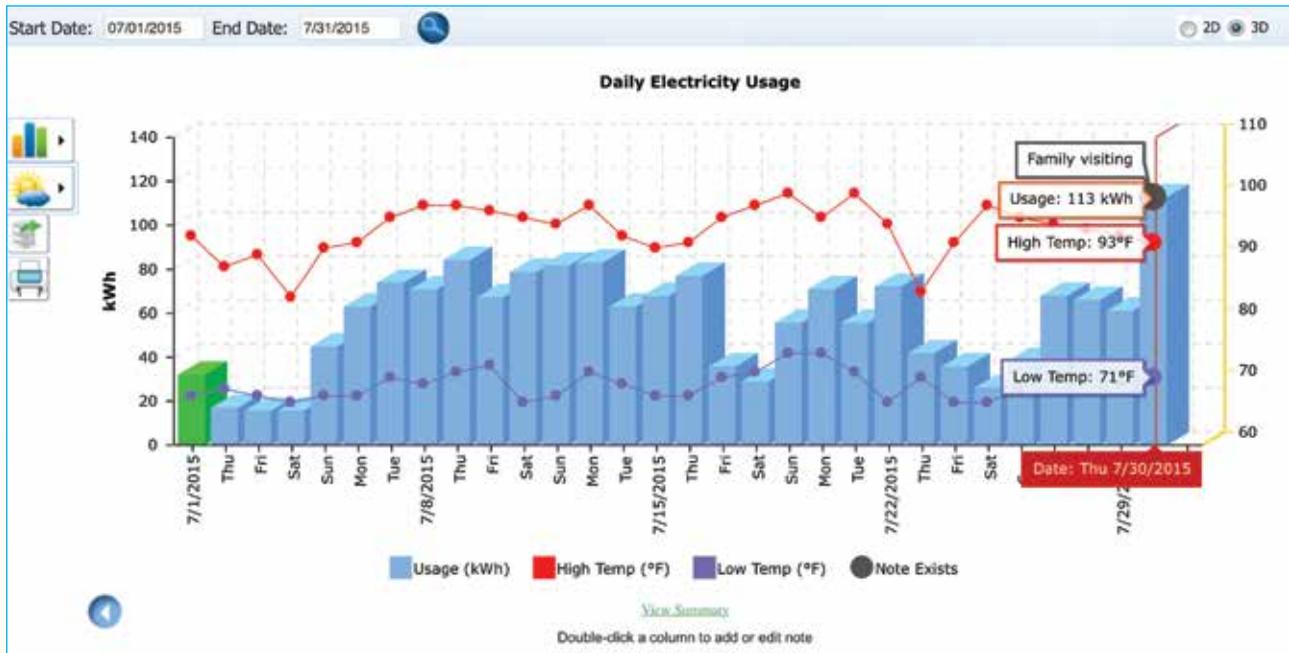
Bowhunters special, cleaned deer corn, 50 lb. bags, \$6 each while supplies last. 336-622-2480 or 336-736-0390.

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

Members email Swap Shop items to [General@RandolphEMC.com](mailto:General@RandolphEMC.com)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

## Access Your Daily Electricity Usage When You Create a Profile on Our NEW Online Member Service Portal



Randolph EMC's new online Member Service Portal features several options for monitoring your energy account.

Under the MyUsage tab of the portal, members can view Billing, Payment, and Usage histories in list or chart formats.

The chart above shows daily electricity use with an overlay of each day's high and low temperature. You can even make a note on the date to remind you of an event or action that might have affected your usage for that date.

This is a great tool available free to each member that can help you manage your energy use! Just create an account on our online Member Service Portal and you'll have instant access to your usage through the beginning of this year.

### ***Creating an online account is easy!***

Navigate to the Member Service Portal on [RandolphEMC.com](http://RandolphEMC.com), then follow the instructions to create an account.

#### ***You'll need the following items:***

- New REMC Account Number from your latest bill
- Last 4 digits of the primary phone number associated with the account
- Last 4 digits of the Social Security number associated with the account
- Email address

# 10 Ways to Avoid Hazards During Harvest

The rush to harvest can lead to farmers working long days with little sleep. Remember to take time for safety and note the location of overhead power lines.

To stay safe around overhead power lines:

- 1 Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- 2 Use care when raising augers or the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- 3 Keep equipment at least 10 feet from power lines — at all times, in all directions.
- 4 Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- 5 Always remember to lower extensions when moving loads.
- 6 Beware of fencing near power lines.
- 7 Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- 8 If a power line is sagging or low, call Randolph EMC.
- 9 Always hire qualified electricians for any electrical issues.
- 10 Do not use equipment with frayed cables.

## If Contact is Made with a Power Line While Using Farm Equipment...

- Stay on the equipment.
- Warn others to stay away & call 911.
- Do not leave until the utility crew says it is safe to do so.
- *The only reason to exit is if the equipment is on fire. If this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together, without touching the ground and vehicle at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.*



SHARE YOUR

Bright



Idea

Hurry! The deadline for applications is  
September 18, 2015!

FOR AN EDUCATIONAL  
GRANT OF UP TO \$2,000

Applications should be for creative, innovative classroom-based projects that would otherwise not be possible. All applications must be submitted through the Bright Ideas website, [www.NCBrightIdeas.com](http://www.NCBrightIdeas.com), by the final deadline of Monday, Sept. 18, 2015.

# AWARE

*a word about*  
*Randolph Electric*  
by Dale Lambert, CEO



Dear Members,

I have come to an unquestionable, undisputable, and in my case, undeniable conclusion: Each year the Lord lets me live, I'm getting older. This, you may say—looking at my graying and thinning hair—is obvious.

But that statement is not true for everyone. I actually have a sister-in-law who, based on her annual age proclamation on her birthday, is getting younger. Not by outward appearance, I would have to say, (careful Dale, treading on shaky ground here) but by her verbal testimony.

It's amazing how your mind can play tricks on you. My mind still says, "Dale, you're still 25 and there's nothing you can't physically accomplish in short order." But after performing an intensive physical task, I'm quickly reminded that my mind is lying to me.

At one time or another, most of us have said, "Ah, to be that young again!" Even though we can't turn back the clock, we can encourage and make opportunities available for our youth—our future generation of leaders—to prepare them for success. One day, we will be depending on them to carry the torch for our country, our state and our electric cooperative.

At the most recent annual meeting in June, I was so pleased to see all the young people in attendance



as I scanned the audience. I recall thanking the parents and grandparents who brought them there for instilling in our future members the importance of taking an active role in the operation of the electric utility they will own one day.

At Randolph EMC, we seek to offer opportunities for our youth to expand their knowledge and leadership abilities. Your cooperative has a strong commitment to our local youth. It's all part of our "Commitment to Community," one of the seven cooperative principles that guides us.

Aside from supporting local youth initiatives such as the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber's Student LIFT program and area 4-H clubs, REMC has several opportunities available directly from the co-op. I urge you to take a look at all we have to offer and encourage the young folks you know to apply to participate.

## Rural Electric Youth Tour

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is one of the programs for which electric cooperatives across the country are best known. If you haven't read Adam Davis' article on the front page of *Watts Working* telling about his experience, I encourage you to do so.

Adam joined 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. He met with congressional leaders and toured Capitol Hill, national monuments, Arlington National Cemetery and the Smithsonian Museums. And perhaps most importantly, he and the other teens from across the nation saw first-hand how decisions



made in Washington can affect our day-to-day lives back home.

I encourage our rising Juniors and Seniors to apply for this great opportunity when we begin accepting applications for the 2016 tour.

### Bright Ideas Grants

Each year, from April through September, Randolph EMC seeks applications from area educators serving grades K-12 in local schools. Bright Ideas grants provide funding of up to \$2,000 per grant for innovative classroom projects that would not otherwise be covered by the school budget. With the way our budgets are these days, it's more important than ever to support and reward teachers' creativity so that our youth can have the best educational experience possible. I have witnessed first-hand the positive impact these funds have made in our classrooms.



Teachers have until Monday, Sept. 18, to send in their applications for the 2015-16 school year. Visit [www.NCBrightIdeas.com](http://www.NCBrightIdeas.com) to get started!

### Sports Camps

Each year, Randolph EMC awards two middle-school students an all-expense-paid scholarship to summer basketball camps at the University of North Carolina and NC State University. Young men can apply to attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp in Chapel Hill, and young women can vie for a spot at the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp in Raleigh.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camps program provides a unique educational and athletic opportunity for outstanding students from our area. These camps not only create memories that last a lifetime, they teach kids fundamental skills that will help them excel on the court and in the classroom. Applications for the sports camps scholarships will be available in January 2016.



### Live Line Safety Demonstrations

With safety being paramount to everything we do, it's important to us to educate the public on the dangers of electricity. We have an impressive live-line demonstration suitable for all ages that shows what can happen when contact is made with an energized power line.



We've had great success presenting this demonstration to local school and first-responder



groups, at our annual meeting and at local community events like the Farm Safety Day Camp that the Randolph Livestock and Poultry Improvement Association holds each year.

As I said before, our young people are our future. Please join us in teaching our youth about the cooperative difference and help give them the opportunity to see and reach their potential.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert,  
Chief Executive Officer

# Energy Efficiency 101

Whether college students are responsible for their own energy costs or not, there are plenty of simple, low- and no-cost actions they can take to be more efficient. That's one skill they'll definitely use after graduation!



- 1 Use CFL or LED bulbs in light fixtures. Use natural light whenever possible and turn the lights off when you're not in the room.
- 2 Plug electronic devices such as phone chargers, cable boxes, printers and TVs into power strips to turn off when leaving for the weekend or break or for long periods without use.
- 3 Be sure to look for the ENERGY STAR label when purchasing back-to-school appliances, such as mini-fridges, computers, televisions, and more.
- 4 Power down your computer and printer when you aren't using them or utilize energy-saving "sleep" modes.
- 5 Change HVAC filters monthly so your system doesn't have to work as hard to circulate the air.
- 6 Use air-dry cycles instead of heat-dry cycles to dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- 7 Set water heater temperature no higher than 120°F and take short showers.
- 8 Wash clothes in cold water and air-dry if possible.
- 9 Be sure that furniture - or dirty clothes - aren't blocking vents. This will force the HVAC system to work harder to keep the room at a comfortable temperature.
- 10 Adjust your thermostat to the lowest comfortable temperature in the winter and highest temperature in the summer - even a few degrees in either direction can help. Adjust it a little more when you are sleeping, at work or school during the day, and especially when you're away for the weekend or on break.