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Pay It Forward This Thanksgiving with PHP

The holiday season is the natural time to reflect upon all the things we have to be thankful for. It's also a perfect time to consider ways of helping those who are less fortunate than us so that they can have happy holidays, too. One great way to help is through participating in Randolph EMC's People Helping People (PHP) program.

PHP offers co-op members the option of having their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar every month, with those extra few cents going to benefit people in need within the co-op's service territory. On average, a member participating in PHP donates about \$6 a year by having his or her bills rounded up.

Co-op members may not recognize the impact that their small sacrifices can make. Many members send notes of gratitude after receiving a donation. One recipient said, "I was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Requiring many expensive medical treatments to help with my illness, I applied for assistance through REMC's People Helping People Program. With approval from the PHP board, I received a check to help with my medical treatments. Thank you to the People Helping People program for your love and generosity, as your support has helped me during this difficult period in my life."

We would like to send a big "thank you" to all the co-op members who help their fellow members and communities through the People Helping People program. The easiest way to sign up for the program is to enroll online when you sign into your account on the Randolph EMC Member Service Portal. Simply navigate to the "Services" tab, click on "People Helping People" and select the account(s) you would like to enroll. You may also call your local office to have a Member Service Representative add PHP to your account.

Attention, Sophomores & Juniors...

You could win a free,
week-long trip to
Washington, D.C.!



Who:
Rising High School
Juniors & Seniors

What:
The highlight of your summer! On your all-expenses-paid trip, you'll join more than 1,600 other students from across the U.S. in our nation's capital to visit museums & monuments, chat with legislators, enjoy a harbor cruise, & learn more about the cooperative business model.

When:
June 11-17, 2016

**Download your
application at
RandolphEMC.com
and submit it to us by
December 8, 2015!**

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Randolph EMC offices will be closed November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving.



5 Ways to Serve Up Efficiency in the Kitchen This Holiday Season

- 1 Turn down the thermostat.** With a full house and a hot kitchen, your house will be too steamy at its usual setting.
- 2 Don't just stuff the turkey - stuff the oven.** As long as your oven will be running all day, make the most of it by cooking several dishes at once. A variation of 25 degrees in either direction from the recommended cooking temperature will still produce the desired result.
- 3 Cook at least one dish from start to finish in the microwave.** Microwaves are faster than the oven and use about a third of the electricity.
- 4 Load the dishwasher completely full.** With a mountain of dinner plates, using the dishwasher will be more efficient than handwashing.
- 5 Don't rush to put leftovers in the refrigerator,** which will work harder to cool off hot foods. Let them cool first.

SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE

2010 Gheenoe Boat, 13' trailer, trolling motor, fish finder, battery & solar charger, two paddles, life vest & cushion. \$1300. 910-400-5510 or 252-414-2882.

1952 John Deere MT, Tricycle Tractor. \$2,500. 1955 Farmall Cub Tractor. \$2,200. Both Good to Fair condition. Hastings Upright Piano, deep cherry finish, great sound. \$500. Glendon Area, 910-684-0597.

2000 Ford Taurus, GC, one owner, Duratec V-6, A/C, power steering & brakes. White with Gray interior. 176,000 miles. \$2,800 OBO. 910-572-2667.

2014 Troy Built Riding Mower, 19HP Kohler engine, 42" cut, automatic. \$800. 910-975-1997.

1996 Chevrolet Z71 Extend Cab truck. VGC. Air, Power windows & locks, bed liner. 166,000 miles. White exterior with blue cloth interior. \$3,900. 336-629-2752.

Antique furniture, motorized wheelchair, 55-gal aquarium, baby grand piano. 910-464-3033.

Golf Carts, street legal with title. 336-629-5417.

New Large Dog Kennel, \$90. Jon Boat with 11 ft trailer & trolling motor, \$500 neg. Buck Stove insert, GC, \$500 neg. Old Gravely Walk behind mower/bush hog, has been sheltered, \$500 neg. 336-498-2383.

3-yr-old Troy-Bilt riding mower, 17.5 HP/42" cut. Deck vibrates very bad, looks & runs great, \$500. 336-301-2365.

5 ft Howse Bush Hog \$250. Kaufman trailer for hauling vehicles/tractor \$1500. 336-381-4710.

Goodman air conditioning unit, 10 years old, works great, Randleman area. \$300. 336-848-0986.

Water wood stove with 2 pumps. \$2,500. 336-209-8237.

Two-bottom turning plow & cultivator for a 1947 (M) John Deere & a 1986 Chevy service truck, long wheel base dually, all for \$1,500. 910-464-3470.

Apple grinder with flywheel & hopper made 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.

Bowhunters special, cleaned deer corn, 50 lb. bags, \$6 each while supplies last. Cleaned Feed Wheat, 50 lb. bag, \$9. 336-622-2480 or 336-736-0390.

Wall or free standing natural gas heater with remote \$200. Ford bumper rack for fishing poles \$20. Fax machine \$20. Boat anchors \$20. Handicap walkers & equipment \$20 each. Paper shredder \$20. Color TV's \$20 - \$30. Exercise equipment \$20. Used toddler toys \$20. 333-879-3320.

Members, email SwapShop items to General@RandolphEMC.com

Electric Service

Asheboro(336) 625-5177
(800) 672-8212
 Robbins:(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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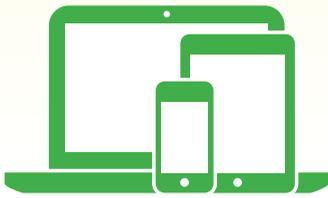
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Having accurate account information is important!

Randolph EMC will occasionally contact you by phone regarding scheduled service in your area or to notify you of a past-due balance on your account. In addition, our automated outage reporting system uses phone numbers to locate your account, so we encourage you to list cell phone numbers on your account as well.

Updating your account information is easy:



ONLINE

Update your account information easily by logging on to REMC's Online Member Service Portal at RandolphEMC.com.



BY PHONE

Connect with a Member Service Representative for assistance by calling (800) 672-8212 in Asheboro or (800) 868-7014 in Robbins.

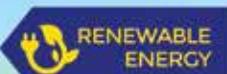


Tap Into the Power of the Sun with Randolph EMC

Many of our members are interested in renewable energy, and so are we. That's why we're bringing a community-shared solar farm to benefit cooperative members. With this solar resource, REMC members can purchase the energy output from individual solar panels, which is more affordable than a residential installation. In addition, Randolph EMC takes care of all of the maintenance and insurance for the panels and the solar energy the panels produce will be credited directly to participants' monthly electric bills.



Solar panels installed & maintained at Randolph EMC's Asheboro office



Panels generate renewable energy that contributes to REMC's energy mix



ENERGY CREDITS

Member participants make a one-time payment and then receive a credit on their electric bill representing their contribution to the output of the solar farm.



Locations Not Suitable for Solar Panels

Some Advantages of Community Solar

- Low cost, one-time fee
- No hassling with maintenance
- Get the most out of the sun's potential with prime placement at our site.
- Perfect for renters who want to be involved with renewable energy
- No red tape with zoning restrictions or home owners' associations
- Solar energy output credited directly to your electric bill.

AWARE

a word about
Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert, CEO

Dear Members,

When you flip on that light switch, adjust the thermostat, or dry your clothes, the electricity powering your life as a member of Randolph EMC comes from a diverse mix of generation resources. Currently, 60 percent of the energy we deliver to you comes from carbon-free resources.

Although it is certainly still a very reliable, low-cost resource for North Carolina and America, coal generation has been substantially reduced in the last few years because of older plants needing major upgrades, the low price of natural gas and tightening regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on carbon dioxide emissions.

In 2015, coal produced only 14 percent of your energy. In 2016, the energy coming from coal generation is projected to drop to 9 percent. This compares to the national average of 42 percent of energy coming from coal generation in 2015, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

According to the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), North Carolina ranked only second behind California for solar capacity installed in 2014. This is driven mainly by the declining cost of producing photovoltaic panels and their components, the tax benefits

given at both the state and federal levels, and the requirement that electric utilities purchase solar Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) under the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard law that was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2007.

Currently, Randolph EMC has 53 solar interconnections on the system, spread across Alamance, Chatham, Montgomery, Moore and Randolph counties. These interconnections continue to grow each quarter and we expect several more new facilities before year's end.

As we announced at our annual meeting in June, Randolph EMC is constructing a 100 kW solar facility at our Asheboro headquarters, adjacent to Interstate 73/74 and McDowell Road. This new community solar farm will cover just over one-half acre and will consist of 360 photovoltaic panels.

This solar generation project is unique because as a Randolph EMC member-owner, you will have the opportunity to participate. The goal your Board of Directors has for constructing this solar project is to give any member who is interested the opportunity to directly receive the benefits of renewable energy — especially those who would not be able to participate otherwise.



The community solar project may be the solution for members who like the idea of having renewable energy to help offset their carbon footprint, but might have some of these obstacles standing in their way:

- The sizable expense of installing or maintaining a solar facility at their home or business
- Would rather not have holes drilled in their roofs
- Their location is not suitable for placing solar panels, because of their home's orientation or trees obstructing the sunlight
- Rent their home or business, rather than own

To participate, members make a one-time investment and then receive a credit on their monthly electric bill for their pro rata share of the solar farm's output. More information will be coming soon, so stay tuned. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this exclusive, member-only opportunity!

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert,
Chief Executive Officer