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Understanding energy issues, engaging in democracy creates stronger communities

North Carolina's primary election is Tuesday, March 15, and electric cooperatives, including Randolph EMC, are paying close attention to the candidates' stance on energy issues, as well as other issues that may affect our local communities.

Ahead of the primary, North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including Randolph EMC, are asking all presidential candidates a question important to electric cooperatives and their members — what is your plan for providing Americans with safe, reliable and affordable electricity?

Their answers are contained in a special voter guide in this issue of Carolina Country, as well as in an online voter guide found at carolinacountry.com/vote, available for cooperative members as a resource without commentary or conjecture. It is important for members to have facts because members of Randolph EMC are also owners. The cooperative has a board of directors that sets the strategic direction and policies for Randolph EMC, and members, those who receive electric service from the cooperative, elect representatives to that board.



The information within the voter guide will provide cooperative members with the knowledge necessary not only to make decisions about presidential candidates but also to understand more about how energy issues impact Randolph EMC, its members and the local community. Cooperatives are locally owned and operated, and together, the cooperative and its members can navigate the changing energy industry to determine what's best for the cooperative and local community.

Learn more about the NC Primary Election on pages 26-27 in this issue, and visit the online voter guide before heading to the polls on March 15. The online guide will be continually updated as more information involving the candidates and their stances on energy issues becomes available.

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5 Steps to a More Efficient Fridge

1 Set your fridge temperature to the recommended 35°-38°F for the fresh food compartment and 0° F for separate freezers for long-term storage.

2 Make sure your refrigerator door seals are airtight. Test them by closing the door over a piece of paper or a dollar bill so it is half in and half out of the refrigerator. If you can pull the paper or bill out easily, the latch may need adjustment or the seal may need replacing.

3 Keep outside coils clean and keep any frost buildup to a minimum.

4 Make sure there are a few inches of space between your refrigerator and the wall to maintain good air circulation.

5 Practice smart habits:

- Open your refrigerator less frequently.
- Let hot foods cool before moving them to the refrigerator.
- Cover foods.
- Keep your freezer full.

Source: energy.gov

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

In November, 2015, 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 individuals and organizations 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.

Certified 501(c)(3) 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 per project. Grants should be used to implement specific programs or purchase needed equipment

to facilitate a program that could be utilized by Randolph EMC members in need.

Priority will be placed on projects that:

- Positively impact and address an unmet need for a significant number of community members
- Have the potential to serve a broad and diverse range of community members
- Contain measurable short-term outcomes within 12 months

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

- Organization name
- Amount of funding requested
- How the funding will be utilized locally, along with the impact it will have on the community

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 May 31, 2016.

All proposals should be directed to: Lauren Ingold, Randolph EMC/PHP, PO Box 40, Asheboro, NC 27204 or emailed to Lauren.Ingold@RandolphEMC.com.



Round Up to Give a Hand Up with Randolph EMC

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 Robbinston(910) 948-3401
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SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE

2008 3BR 2BA mobile home in SE Randolph County, 24x48 with 16x20 covered porch, 1375 sq. ft. heat pump, kitchen appliances included. Must be moved. 336-953-8795.

Nigerian Dwarf goats, babies, male & female \$75 - \$125. Milking goats & make great pets! 336-672-3122 or 336-953-3776.

4 bow-back, curved & turned dining room chairs, 2 have arms, 2 do not, sturdy, \$90. White full size bed, headboard, footboard, & rails with night stand & chest of drawers, 1970's with gold spray detail, \$300. 336-475-5411.

Kubota 900 RTV 4X4 Diesel \$8,000. 336-857-2368.

2002 Buick LeSabre, low mileage, GC. 336-964-8161.

Very nice baker's rack, metal & wood with two drawers & wood counter shelf, \$90. Also solid wood cheval mirror for \$65. 336-953-9114.

Parts for 1997 Honda Accord EX-V6. All working parts in great condition or new. Body & interior, EC. New tires. Has bad motor & transmission. 910-464-2617.

Cleaned deer corn, 50 lb. bags, \$6 ea. Cleaned Feed Wheat, 50 lb. bags, \$8 ea. 336-622-2480 or 336-736-0390.

Red Sex-Link laying hens, 21 - 22 weeks old, \$18 ea. with volume discounts available. Farm Fresh Brown Eggs for \$3/ dozen or better price if purchased by 30 dozen case. Seagrove area. 336-964-6277.

Empire cast iron gas fired heater with ceramic logs, \$300. Eden Pure Elite Infrared portable heater, almost new, \$200. Wood fired hot water system, \$500. 910-947-2289.

King size bed with brand new mattresses wrapped in plastic. Includes headboard & footboard. \$500. New HP printer, \$100. 910-464-2930 or 910-973-2164.

Pair of SHUR-GRIP "Z" tire chains, excellent condition, which fits the following size tires: 225-14, 215-15, LT215/75-75-15, 225/65-15, 235/65-15, 225/70-15, 225/70-16, 225/60-16, 235/60-16, P215/75-15, P225/70-15, P235/55-16, P235/65-16, P245/60-15, P225/70-16, P225/60-16, P225/75-15, P235/60-16, P245/50-16. \$25. 336-879-3765 or 336-953-0313.

Dark Gray Camper shell with front sliding windows, side windows, back glass door opens, fits long bed Chevrolet truck, EC, \$500. Rabbit/chicken cage, 10x5, four doors, tin roof, \$50. 336-302-6807.

3 BR 1 BA house located on Lions Rest Rd in Asheboro. New metal roof & heating system. 336-964-4546.

Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Condo. 2 BR, 2 BA, kitchen, living room, furnished. \$155,000 or trade for equal value land in Randolph County. 336-584-9650.

5500 Watt Generator 110 & 120. Sold new for \$550. Will sell for \$250. 336-581-3565.

Golf carts. Repair service available on all makes & models. 336-302-2286.

Cedar Bench with metal back. \$200 obo. 336-683-5229.

Kerosene Heater, new, in box. \$100. Baby crib, folds, natural wood, \$75. Play Pen, natural wood, folds, has rollers. \$50. 336-409-5450.

New handmade quilts, F,Q&K. Will also repair & finish quilts. Set of 15 pocket knives, \$300. 336-625-4548.

3,000 Red Sex Sal Link pullets, chickens at laying age 16 weeks plus, vaccinated & debeaked, \$6.90 & up. Liberty area. 336-708-2998 or 336-317-4105.

FREE: Pit Bull Dog to a good home, 13 years old, solid white, male. 336-879-2320.

FOR RENT: 2 BR 1 BA house, central heat & air, no pets, Robbins area. \$500/mo + deposit. 910-947-5910.

Members, email SwapShop items to
General@RandolphEMC.com



SunPath Community Solar
is an Easy, Affordable
Option for REMC
Members Interested in
Renewable Energy

The Pathway to Affordable Solar Energy
for Members of  Randolph EMC

Instead of installing and retaining ownership of your own solar energy system, subscribe to the energy produced by Randolph EMC's SunPath Community Solar panels and get the same credit on your bill!

Learn more about our monthly and full-term subscriptions
& view SunPath's current production at RandolphEMC.com.

LOCAL STUDENTS HONORED AT WOLFPACK WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

Two local middle school students, Mariah Brown (top) and Lauren Resor (bottom), received recognition during a women's basketball game at NC State University on January 31 for winning Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships.

Before being recognized at the game against the UNC Tar Heels, Mariah and Lauren joined 21 fellow scholarship winners at a pre-game luncheon, where each camper accepted a certificate of accomplishment.

Both girls earned Touchstone Energy scholarships from Randolph EMC to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp in 2015. Mariah is the daughter of Rick and Chandra Brown of Bennett. Lauren is the daughter of Mandi Hill of Asheboro.



Don't Miss Your Chance at a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship!

Rising 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students have until Thursday, March 31, to apply to attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp or the NC State Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp. Download an application now at RandolphEMC.com!

AWARE

a word about
Randolph Electric
by Dale Lambert, CEO



Dear Members,

As your electric cooperative, it's our job to keep electricity flowing to more than 31,500 consumers each day. As a Randolph EMC member-owner, you rely on us to deliver that electricity when you need it and how you need it. I have a laundry list of the many other things that we do for our members, but at the end of the day, the thing that matters most is keeping the lights on!

Over the years, drivers such as increasing load and aging infrastructure have consistently challenged Randolph Electric's strategic planning in terms of reliability. Aggressive right-of-way maintenance, system planning, process improvements and utilization of technology are all critical to maintaining and improving the delivery of reliable electric service to our member-owners. We invest in our infrastructure so that we can continue to meet your expectations well into the future.

REMC is not alone in this effort to stay connected for continued improvement. On March 15, 2016, North Carolina voters will decide on a proposed \$2 billion, NC Connect bond package that would enable statewide investments in higher education, safety, parks, recreation, and water and sewer infrastructure improvements. Randolph Electric's Board of Directors adopted a resolution at the January board meeting in support of the Connect NC bond.

It has been 15 years since the last bond of this kind was approved for upgrading the state's infrastructure—during which the state has seen its population grow by 2 million people. This \$2 billion bi-partisan sponsored bond package will target refurbishment and construction of infrastructure vital to NC's competitiveness in attracting business, industry and jobs.

Included in the bond are many projects that directly impact our members.

Funding for improvements to local higher education facilities includes more than \$6 million for Alamance Community College, \$5 million for Randolph Community College and nearly \$4 million for Sandhills Community College. Central Carolina and Montgomery Community Colleges would each receive around \$6.3 million. The bond also includes financial support for improvements to various parks, such as the recreation areas at Jordan Lake, Lower Haw River, and Deep River Trail in Chatham County, as well as \$25 million for upgrading and expanding the North Carolina Zoo.

While the impact will be great to our area, no tax increases are necessary to finance the bond. North Carolina has ample credit capacity to borrow and repay the bonds with no tax increase. Because North Carolina is paying off its existing debt, the state's overall debt levels will not increase with this new bond.

So, as you can see, whether it's the electrical grid or state facilities, planning for the future is an investment with huge returns. I, along with your Board of Directors, invite you to learn more about the Connect NC bond at Connect.NC.gov or VoteYesToInvest.com and exercise your right to vote at the polls on March 15 to lay the foundation for a better North Carolina.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert
Chief Executive Officer