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Randolph EMC Celebrates 78 Years at Annual Meeting

“Powering a New Generation of Service” was the theme as an estimated 1,200 people crowded the Southwest Randolph High School gymnasium for Randolph EMC’s 78th Annual Meeting, held on June 17. Nearly 580 REMC members registered at the meeting for their chance to win one of several door prizes and to receive parting gifts that included a bucket, beach towel, sunscreen and lip balm.

Members enjoyed free homemade ice cream from Gilbert’s Old Fashioned Homemade Ice Cream, a children’s show performed by Circus Daze, safety demonstrations and informational booths. The event also included live bluegrass entertainment by Thickety Creek Bluegrass Band.

During the business meeting, Board President Bob Wright updated members on the recent capital credit retirement. Members also heard the financial report for the cooperative, learned about new services and programs available to members, and heard an update of Randolph EMC’s community involvement over the past year.



In a special presentation, REMC’s 2015 Rural Electric Youth Tour Delegate, Adam Davis, shared his experience in Washington, D.C., last summer.

In addition, all three incumbent directors were re-elected: James Andrews to District 1; Larry Routh, District 3; and Sue Spencer, District 6.

Randolph EMC would like to thank all of the members who attended this year’s annual meeting!

Enjoy more photos from the 78th Annual Meeting on the next page!

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More Scenes from the 78th Annual Meeting



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Capital Credits Allocated for 2015

Capital credits are one of the core differences between investor-owned utilities and co-ops. Because members enjoy ownership of the company, each year they receive a share of the co-op's net margins—the amount of money that is left over after paying all expenses for the year. The cooperative refers to these shares as Capital Credits.

Randolph EMC's net margins totaled \$3,665,391 at the close of 2015. This amount, less \$1,500,000 from deferred revenues allocated in 2012, has been disbursed among the Capital Credit accounts of members who had an active electric account during 2015. Each member's share is based on a percentage of the \$2,165,391, calculated by how much electricity the member purchased and the rate at which the electric account was billed.

Remember, the check you received in June that included capital credits from 2015 only represents a portion of 2015's total allocation.

Calculate Your Allocation

- 1** Add together all of the energy-related charges from each monthly electric bill you received in 2015.
- 2** Add together the totals from each month's bill obtained in Step 1 to find the total for the year.
- 3** Multiply this total by 0.03469. This will give you the Capital Credits amount allocated to your account for 2015.

August 11 (8/11) Serves as Convenient Reminder for REMC Members To Always Call 811 Before Digging

With Aug. 11 almost here, Randolph EMC hopes this date on the calendar, 8/11, will serve as a natural reminder for members to call 811 prior to any digging project to have underground utility lines marked.

When calling 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to North Carolina 811, the local one call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both.

Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree and laying a patio are all examples of digging projects that need a call to 811 before starting.

The depth of utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. Utility lines need to be properly marked because even when digging only a few inches, the risk of striking an underground utility line still exists. Learn more at www.NC811.com.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Attention, teachers! Do you have an idea for an innovative learning project that goes beyond the usual classroom experience? Apply for a Bright Ideas grant!

Randolph EMC is awarding \$12,000 this year to teachers with creative ideas to bring hands-on learning to students in K-12 classrooms. The final deadline to apply is September

23, but it could pay to apply early. Educators who submit a grant application by the early bird deadline of August 15 are entered to win one of five \$100 gift cards.

For more information or to start your application, go to NCBrightIdeas.com.

The 'Early Bird' deadline for #NCBrightIdeas applications is **August 15.**



SWAP SHOP

1998 Chevy S-10 ZR2 V-6 4.3 Super Cab Automatic, 4WD, 152,000 miles. \$3,850. 2003 Ford Ranger V-6 3.0, 5-speed manual transmission. \$2,000. 336-879-3433.

Troy-Bilt Horse Model Tiller, Electric Start, 6HP Tecumseh Engine, \$400. 336-824-7339.

4 bow back, curved & turned dining room chairs, 2 have arms, 2 do not, sturdy, \$60. White full size bed, headboard, footboard, & rails with night stand & chest of drawers, 1970s with gold spray detail, \$300. 336-475-5411.

Chore-Time Super Plus Selector PNT → +AVS45 Part #33800F. \$1,000. 336-857-2368.

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.

Mortar Mixer, practically new, processes 8 bags. \$1,000 OBO. 336-625-4398.

Tesoro Compare & Silver Umax metal detectors for \$225. Great Condition. 336-963-5706.

Black Walnut Trees, Weeping Willow Trees, SnowBall Bush, Pink Crepe Myrtle. \$5 each. 336-879-2320.

Zareba fence charger, 25 mile, like new, \$65. 336-879-5298.

Presto 16 Quart Cooker Canner. 336-629-3342.

6 wedding dresses, different sizes, Gloria Vanderbilt, etc. 336-879-2925.

Microfiber sofa, tan, GC, \$300. 336-953-6763.

1986 GT Convertible Mustang, one owner. \$18,000. Heirloom Quilts made in the early 1940s. \$125 each OBO. 336-629-2560.

Bath Lift Seat, battery operated, \$1300 value, sell for \$800. Parts for food truck, \$30. 336-625-1917.

Very old genuine antique brass bed, \$480. Custom made "Billy Cook" western 15" saddle, \$450. Antique settee, newly recovered, \$300. 910-464-3033.

Airstream Vintage camper, 1969 Ambassador, fully equipped, VGC. Must see to appreciate, many original features, selling for \$10,000. 336-409-5450 or email highfalls_eagle@yahoo.com.

Kenwood Stereo with tuner, dual cassette deck, 6-disk CD changer, equalizer, & 4 speakers, all in an oak cabinet. EC. \$200 OBO. 336-857-0138 or 336-301-2920.

Pontoon 20 ft. 1999 Sweetwater 200EX w/60HP Johnson w/oil injection. Like new seats w/front captain's chairs. Livewell, Bimini canopy, seats & whole deck cover. Hour meter, docking lights, trailer included, one owner \$4,600. 910-439-1918.

Old barn, approximately 70 years old, \$500. Tear down & clean up any debris left. 910-572-5589.

3 Game Chickens & 2 Game Roosters. \$50 for all. Sleeper sofa, green cloth with print. \$100 OBO. 336-879-2686.

Window shades, new in box from Select Blinds. (2) 30x72 & (2) 29x70. White, outside mount. \$60. 336-622-3690.

DR Brush trimmer, used one season, like new, \$500 OBO. Singer pedal type sewing machine, \$50 OBO. Singer electric sewing machine, \$100 OBO. 336-381-4710.

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

Alan Kulwicki #7 Racing Jacket, XL, red, blue, cream satin. New handmade quilts, F&Q&K. Will also repair & finish quilts. Set of 15 pocket knives. 336-625-4548.

Four acres of I & on Ramseur-Julian Rd with two septic systems & well with new pump, suitable for two homes or mobile homes up to 3 bedrooms, \$28,000. 336-214-5642.

FOR RENT: 3 BR house on Kidds Mill Road in Franklinville area. References required. 336-214-5642.

WANTED: Someone in the area of Bennett, Erect, Robbins, or Coleridge that works on sewing machines. 336-879-2320.

Members email Swap Shop items to General@RandolphEMC.com

Randolph EMC Sends Students to Wolfpack, Roy Williams Basketball Camps

Two local middle-school students shot hoops and ran drills at basketball camps hosted by two of the state's largest universities this summer, thanks to Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships from Randolph EMC.

McKenzie Brundage (below) attended the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp June 12-15 at NC State University in Raleigh. McKenzie is the daughter of Rocky Brundage and Brandie Ferguson of Asheboro.



McKenzie and Gabriel are

Gabriel Wachter (above) took to the court June 18-22 at the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Gabriel is the son of Joseph Wachter of West End.

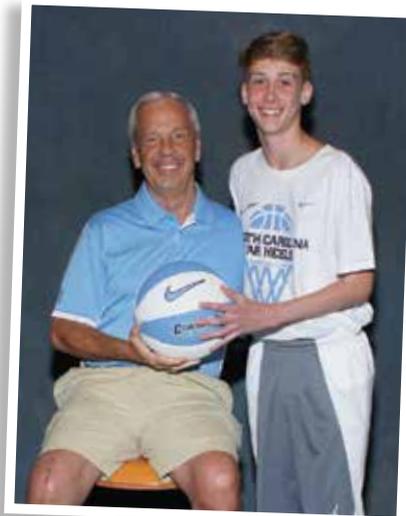
McKenzie and Gabriel are

two of 54 students selected in a competitive evaluation process to receive Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships from North Carolina's electric cooperatives this year.

At camp, students stayed in dorms on campus and worked alongside coaches to hone basketball skills and practice working cooperatively with teammates.

The co-ops' partnership with universities provides a unique educational and athletic opportunity for our state's youth and keeps with Touchstone Energy's core values of accountability, integrity, innovation and commitment to community.

Randolph EMC will begin accepting applications for the 2016 camps in January.



✓ TAKE THE PLEDGE

- ✓ Commit today to make your voice heard on Election Day!
- ✓ Get reminders about the upcoming election.
- ✓ Recruit your friends, family, and co-workers to become co-op voters today.



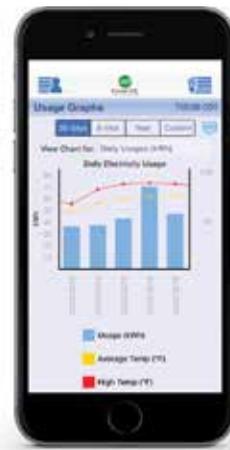
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Tracking your steps, tracking your children, monitoring your banking activity or locating your parked car—these days, it seems like there is an app for everything. If you are efficiency-savvy and want to manage your energy use, try out the following apps to see if any of them work for you!



Randolph EMC's Mobile App

Randolph EMC's new mobile app gives you instant access to your REMC account to track energy use, manage payments and more. Essentially, the app helps you better understand how you use energy with charts showing your daily kilowatt-hour use, combined with the high and low temperatures for each day. To take tracking a step further, set up custom alerts to notify you of high energy use, and due date and payment notifications. You'll also enjoy being able to view and pay your utility bill using the mobile app, but if you're a FlexPay participant you'll be able to view your current account balance as well.



Smart Thermostat Apps

Several REMC members helped in pilot-testing the ecobee₃ Smart Thermostat last year and found that being able to control their thermostats remotely was not only convenient, it helped them save on their electric bills.

With a smart thermostat, you can adjust your home thermostat simply by using your smart phone or tablet—whether in your car, while at work or on your couch. With most smart thermostat apps, you can view and edit your thermostat schedule, adjust your home's temperature up or down, and keep an eye on how often your HVAC system is running throughout the day. You can also opt to receive extreme temperature alerts before your pet overheats or your pipes freeze.



Together We Save App

Touchstone Energy® offers the Together We Save app, which enables users to calculate the energy use of many household appliances based on national averages. This free app includes roughly 100 calculators that determine the projected energy use and cost of particular appliances and activities. The app also offers 100 practical energy-saving tips. For Touchstone Energy® Cooperative members, the Together We Save app calculates energy costs based on your actual utility rates for even greater accuracy. In addition, the app links to Randolph EMC's website for timely updates and information.

Your trusted energy resource

While app technology continues to evolve, your best resource for saving energy and money is your local electric co-op. Randolph EMC can provide guidance on energy savings based on your account information, local energy use and weather patterns for your region and other factors unique to your location. Contact REMC's energy experts at (800) 672-8212 to learn more.



Have you purchased an electric car?
Let us know!

Please contact us if you have purchased or plan to purchase an electric vehicle that will be charged at a home or business serviced by Randolph EMC.

Having this information will help ensure the cooperative is meeting members' current needs and help us plan for future load growth. In addition, REMC may be able to suggest rate options that could help save you money!



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AWARE

a word about
Randolph Electric
by Dale Lambert, CEO



Dear Members,

We are thankful for all the members that attended the 78th Annual Meeting. In addition to members electing their representation on the Board of Directors, the meeting also provided details of many exciting things happening at your co-op.

There was one thing missing that was a bit unusual at this annual meeting for those of you that were unable to attend — me. For the first time since 1993, I missed an annual meeting because I was recovering from an unexpected medical procedure that prevented me from attending. I look forward to seeing many of you that one time a year on annual meeting day, so it was a sad day for me. Lord willing, I'll see you next year!

One thing I can say, though, is that the meeting went off without a hitch! Whether it's unpredictable severe weather or that plans change at the last minute, our employee team knows just what to do to respond to the situation. I'm grateful for their dedication to the co-op and our members.

Since I couldn't be at the meeting, I appreciate Fred Smith filling in for me to share some of the ways we're using technology to "power a new generation of service" for our member-owners.

As I have written several times in the past, our industry is undergoing tremendous change. Today, with real-time communication, monitoring capabilities, and advanced technology, we're beginning to utilize "intelligent grid" technologies that can help us save money on wholesale power costs with minimal impact to our members' level of comfort and convenience. These program strategies involve monitoring our system demand for electricity and then taking measures to decrease that demand at strategic times when wholesale power is most expensive. Doing this helps the cooperative reduce expenses related to wholesale power.

To help with managing our "intelligent grid," REMC is investing in our dispatch and engineering control center with state-of-the-art resources to enhance communications and enable more reliable and efficient

operations. We're also investing in our infrastructure so that we can continue to meet your expectations well into the future. REMC completed upgrades to the Robbins substation last year and will soon begin construction on a new substation to account for recent and future growth in and around the city of Asheboro.

We are also working to improve our member service options, based on feedback received from member satisfaction surveys.

Last July, the Online Member Service Portal was introduced as a way to conveniently manage account information, pay bills and monitor current and past electric usage. In addition to the online portal, members now have the option to access this information through REMC's new Mobile App, available for Apple and Android devices. Likewise, all members now have the option to receive Carolina Country magazine digitally on their tablet.

For those members who are interested in offsetting the energy they use with renewable energy, REMC offers subscriptions to SunPath Community Solar. This is an affordable way for members to receive credit for energy produced by solar panels without having to install a solar energy system at their home or business.

Through these new technological advancements made within the last year, Randolph EMC continuously embraces change that increases the value of your cooperative. I hope you'll consider participating in some of our new service options. If you have questions or need assistance, just give us a call—our friendly Member Service Specialists will be happy to help.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert,
Chief Executive Officer