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The Monthly Newsletter for Members of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation

## Thanks for Being a Member

We're celebrating our members with prize giveaways throughout the month of October.

Come by our office for Member Appreciation Days! Meet some of your co-op employees, have a snack, and put your name in the hat to win one of the many small appliances and gift cards up for grabs.



Complimentary snacks and chances to win numerous small appliances abound every October when we celebrate National Cooperative Month. The celebration lasted even longer in 2012 with the United Nations-sanctioned International Year of Cooperatives. But what are we really celebrating? What makes Randolph Electric different, and why should that matter to YOU?

Our economy still has critical hurdles to overcome, so you may not feel like celebrating at all. But when our faith in big institutions has been shaken, it's the perfect time to remember what we accomplished 75 years ago—all with a little cooperation.

In 1938, our area didn't have electricity. Young folks were leaving en-masse to find a brighter future in urban areas, and rural America was left in the dark. But instead of waiting for someone else to fix our problem, we turned to each other. We built our own utility, and we powered our future.

As we celebrate National Cooperative Month, and prepare to celebrate our 75th anniversary in 2013, we'd like to thank you for your efforts to strengthen our community. We want you to continue to stay involved as we build a better future together. The cooperative business model is a handy tool that lets us improve our quality of life. Find out more about YOUR cooperative at [www.RandolphEMC.com](http://www.RandolphEMC.com).



Randolph Electric  
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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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# SWAPSHOP

## For Sale

Yamaha 2008 Zuma Sport Scooter, EC, like new \$1,750. 336-879-1677.

Electric Organ \$50. Piano \$150. 336-629-6351.

1993 Prowler Camper, J17, EC, Gas/electric refrigerator, gas stove, microwave, gas heat. Sleeps 4, lots of storage \$3850. 336-629-1810.

Oak wood for next winter. \$50 per load. 336-824-8445.

Jet 3 Hoveround chair, \$600 OBO. 336-736-8105.

1983 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham 140,000 miles, GC, \$2,000. 1991 Class C Ford Motor Home Tioga \$7,000 neg. GE upright freezer 15 cubic ft, nice, \$200. 336-625-4548.

3,000 Red Sex Link pullets (16 -18 week old chickens) laying age, brown eggs, vaccinated and debeaked, \$6.50 and up, Liberty area. 336-708-2998.

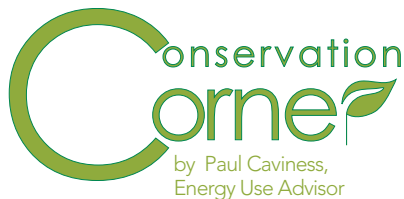
Organic fescue, coastal bermuda blends of horse quality square bales of hay, \$2.80 and up for pick up out of field during harvest time, Liberty area, 336-317-4105.

Little Wonder Blower, three wheel, 9 HP Honda. Like new. \$695. 336-362-3342.

50 lb bag feed wheat \$9 per bag. 336-622-2480.

Pictures, black & white and color, 8" x 10" \$10 or 10"x13" \$25. All bridges and mills of the Uwharrie River including the Pisgah Covered Bridge. 336-629-2533.

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



# How much is too much?

## Learn how to estimate your home appliances' energy use to see if it's time for an upgrade

You've had your fridge forever. With the exception of some crumbling parts of the seal, it's in pretty good shape and keeps your food cool. Why worry about budgeting for an upgrade?

Some homeowners forget the impact inefficient appliances have on a home's monthly power bill. Replacing a refrigerator made before 1993 with a new, ENERGY STAR-rated model could knock between \$65-\$100 off your electricity bill each year.

This begs the question: how much energy use is too much? To estimate the energy use of an appliance, use this formula:

$$\text{Wattage} \times \text{Hours used per day} \times \text{Days used per year} \div 1,000 = \text{Kilowatt-hour (kWh) used annually}$$

Once you calculate how much money you spend to run aging home appliances, compare this to what it would cost to use more efficient models. Don't want the hassle of adding up the potential savings? Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives' website, [www.TogetherWeSave.com](http://www.TogetherWeSave.com), demonstrates how small changes like replacing an appliance or unplugging electronics lead to big energy savings.

## North Carolina's 2012 ENERGY STAR Tax-Free Weekend is Nov. 2-4

The products that are exempt from sales tax during this weekend are:

- Clothes washers
- Freezers & refrigerators
- Central air conditioners & room air conditioners
- Air source heat pumps & geothermal heat pumps
- Ceiling fans
- Dehumidifiers
- Programmable thermostats

*Not all of these products are eligible for a tax credit. Be sure to check the ENERGY STAR Web site before buying to see which ones qualify.*

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# 2012 Legislative Candidates

The following are legislators who serve the members of Randolph EMC, along with their challengers. The co-op enjoys a very good working relationship with the legislative body of our state. Good luck to all the candidates!

## US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### District 2

Renee L. Ellmers (R)	P.O. Box 904	Dunn	NC	28335	(252) 220-0181	<a href="http://www.reneeforcongress.com">www.reneeforcongress.com</a>
Steve Wilkins (D)	PO Box 1261	Southern Pines	NC	28388	(910) 528-7070	<a href="http://www.wilkinsforcongress.org/">www.wilkinsforcongress.org/</a>
Brian Irving (L)	206 Clancy Circle	Cary	NC	27511	(919) 538-4548	<a href="http://www.irving4congress.libertypoint.org">www.irving4congress.libertypoint.org</a>

### District 6

Howard Coble (R)	5741-L Bramblegate Road	Greensboro	NC	27409	(336) 273-3000	<a href="http://www.cobleforcongress.com">www.cobleforcongress.com</a>
Tony Foriest (D)	2211 Quail Drive	Graham	NC	27253	(336) 226-8059	<a href="http://www.foriestforcongress.com">www.foriestforcongress.com</a>

### District 8

Richard Hudson (R)	PO Box 5053	Concord	NC	28027	(704) 795-2012	<a href="http://www.richardhudsonforcongress.com">www.richardhudsonforcongress.com</a>
Larry Kissell (D)	P.O. Box 1530	Biscoe	NC	27209	(877) 428-4048	<a href="http://www.larrykissell.com">www.larrykissell.com</a>

## NC SENATE

### District 23

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Ellie Kinnaird (D)	750 Weaver Dairy Road, Apt. 123	Chapel Hill	NC	27514	(919) 929-1607	<a href="http://www.elliekinnaird.org">www.elliekinnaird.org</a>

### District 24

Brandon Black (L)	2771 S. NC HWY 87	Graham	NC	27253	(336) 214-7215	<a href="http://www.electbrandonblack.com">www.electbrandonblack.com</a>
Rick Gunn (R)	3030 N. Fairway Dr.	Burlington	NC	27215	(336) 229-6981	<a href="http://www.gunnforncsenate.com">www.gunnforncsenate.com</a>

### District 29

Jerry W. Tillman (R)	1207 Dogwood Lane	Archdale	NC	27263	(336) 431-5325	Facebook: Jerrywillman
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### District 33

Stan Bingham (R)	292 N. Main St.	Denton	NC	27239	(336) 859-0999	Facebook: Senator Stan Bingham
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## NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### District 33

Rosa U. Gill (D)	PO Box 26824	Raleigh	NC	27611	(919) 821-0425	<a href="http://rosagill.com">http://rosagill.com</a>
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### District 52

Jamie Boles (R)	425 W. Pennsylvania Ave.	Southern Pines	NC	28387	(910) 692-6262	n/a
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### District 54

Deb McManus (D)	11 Pine Forest Dr.	Siler City	NC	27344	(919) 548-6668	<a href="http://www.debfor54.com">www.debfor54.com</a>
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### District 64

Morris McAdoo (D)	505 Morgan Terrace	Burlington	NC	27217	(336) 223-8039	n/a
Dennis Riddell (R)	6343 Beale Rd.	Snow Camp	NC	27349	(336) 222-1303	<a href="http://www.riddell4nchouse64.com/">http://www.riddell4nchouse64.com/</a>

### District 66

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### District 67

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### District 70

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Gerald Parker (D)	7275 Pisgah Covered Bridge Rd.	Asheboro	NC	27205	(336) 384-2452	<a href="http://www.parkerforncouse.net">www.parkerforncouse.net</a>

### District 80

Jerry C. Dockham (R)	P.O. Box 265	Denton	NC	27239	(336) 859-3804	<a href="http://www.dockhamforhouse.org">www.dockhamforhouse.org</a>
Loretta M. Martin (D)	2897 Upper Lake Rd.	Thomasville	NC	27360	(336) 689-7146	n/a



# a word about Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert



## The Importance of November 6th

Dear Members,

We are nearing a very important time in the life of our nation. The upcoming election is a time when we select citizens, from among us, to be our representatives in government. In this month's Watts Working, we have provided you with a listing of the legislative candidates who wish to serve you, our members, in Raleigh and Washington. I want to encourage you, if you are not already, to be part of the election process.

Why should we vote? In a free country, where the people have the opportunity to choose our governmental leadership, it would seem this would be a question that is asked by only a few. You would think that the masses would know the answer to this question without giving it much thought. But sadly, that is not the case.

First, all Americans should realize that the opportunity to elect our government came at a price. Through the centuries, from the first struggle to gain our freedom as a sovereign nation, to the war on terrorism, men and women have answered the call of service to our nation. They have placed themselves in harm's way so that we can have the privilege to exercise the most basic and yet the most profound act of democracy — casting a vote. Through the years, many brave men and women have served, suffered, and some have even given their lives, to preserve the freedom and liberty that we, as a nation, take for granted.

Second, we should set the example and expect our young people to become a part of the election process. We as parents should teach our children about the responsibility that is expected from the inhabitants of a free nation, voting on election day. If our younger generation understands what is expected and why it is important, the next generation of Americans will be more engaged than the current.

I have heard it said, "I'm only one vote, my vote doesn't count." All elections begin with that first vote. It is just as important as the last one. After an election, there are many reports of races being won and lost by just one vote. When I hear these reports, it reminds me of the importance of being involved in the process.

I did a little research on the voter turnout from our last presidential election in 2008. The statistics are discouraging. According to the United States Census Bureau, only 64 percent of voting age citizens actually voted in the last election. We can do much better than that!!

When we fail to vote, we miss out on the special opportunity to shape our local communities', our state's and our nation's futures. We are giving up part of our freedom when we neglect the privilege we have as Americans to participate in the electoral process.

So, do your research to determine where the candidates from all levels of government stand on issues that are important to you. Just showing up and randomly making selections is not the most prudent practice.

Don't leave democracy to someone else. That person or group may not share the same values, ideas and concerns that you do. President Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, "Politics should be the part-time profession of every citizen." President Thomas Jefferson once said, "We in America do not have government by the majority, but government by the majority that votes." These statements hold true today. Be a voice in this upcoming election. Your vote does count!

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert  
Chief Executive Officer