

Watts Working

October is National Co-op Month

Every October, cooperatives are recognized for the qualities that make the business model unique: local democratic control, supporting the communities they serve, special benefits and services, and the return of margins back to members in the form of capital credits.

“Cooperatives are unique, especially in this day and age,” says Dale Lambert, REMC’s Chief Executive Officer.

“We have an obligation to provide reliable, affordable, and safe electricity, but we take that a step further. We also have a responsibility to support our members, enrich schools, and enhance our communities.”

So what makes REMC different from investor-owned utilities? Since cooperatives follow a democratic process, members elect local board members, influence the business and participate in the process of policy-making. With commercial utilities, only shareholders have any say in running the company.

In addition, cooperatives focus on service, not profits. Electric cooperatives such as Randolph EMC are a key mechanism in bringing electricity to rural areas because for-profit electric companies are reluctant to serve areas where customers may be miles apart. In cities and towns where

homes and businesses are close together, power companies can make more money per line-mile. And though cooperatives don’t ignore the need to make a reasonable return, they focus on the member first because the organization exists to provide service, not to make a profit.

As always, we thank you for being a valued member of Randolph EMC and urge you to think about what your cooperative membership means. Consider supporting other co-ops as you go about life—join a credit union or buy produce, dairy or other products that are farmer- or consumer-owned. Remember, for cooperatives, community is not just where we work; it’s why we work!

Celebrate With Us!

Let us thank you for your continued business and support! We invite you to come by one of our local offices in Asheboro or Robbins for Member Appreciation Days, where you can have a snack and put your name in the hat to win one of the many prizes we are giving away throughout October.

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TOGETHER WE SAVE

3 Tips for a More Efficient Farm

Did you know that electricity accounts for about 13 percent of the average farmer's production expenses? It powers a farm's heating (water, space, heat lamps), pumping (irrigation, water wells, manure lagoons), refrigeration, ventilation, lighting, and fans (drying grains, aeration).

The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy estimates farmers could save \$88 million annually by investing in efficient motors and lighting. Consider these energy efficiency tips to cash in on some of those savings:

- **Clean equipment.** Removing dust, soot, and debris from equipment will allow it to do more work with less effort, extending its life and reducing energy use.
- **Inspect regularly.** Equipment should be checked regularly. Replace parts, plug leaks and remove clutter before irreparable damage is done.
- **Light work areas, not entire buildings,** use daylight when possible, and install dimmable ballasts to control light levels.

REMINDER! If your farm still qualifies for tax exemption status under N.C.'s new tax law, REMC must receive a new form E-595E by October 1, 2014 or 7% sales tax will be added to your November bill.

Round Up to Give a Hand Up

We know you love this community as much as we do. So here's good news: Through People Helping People (PHP), you can partner with Randolph EMC in our charitable work. The program is supported by members who "round up" their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. Extra change is contributed to worthy causes throughout the community.

For each participating member, that's an average of just \$6 extra per year (or about 50 cents a month). It may not sound like much, but these pennies from many of our members add up quickly. Learn more about "rounding up to give a hand up" with PHP and sign up to participate at www.RandolphEMC.com.

As a thanks for joining the PHP program, we're entering all of our contributors into a drawing for this 2006 Chevrolet Colorado Truck that has been retired from the REMC fleet! The drawing will take place on December 19, 2014.



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Asheboro(336) 625-5177
(800) 672-8212
 Robbins:(910) 948-3401
(800) 868-7014
 Power Failures:(877) REMC-OFF
(877-736-2633)
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SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE

1992 Ford Ranger XLT, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, light green, bed liner, trailer hitch, alloy wheels, extra set of snow tires mounted on alloy wheels. 270,000 miles. GC. \$2250. 336-381-3175.

Poppytrail-Sculptured Grape, over 40 pieces including various serving pieces, \$175. 336-629-5019.

1950 B Allis-Chalmers-cultivator frame, drawbar, miscellaneous cultivator parts. \$1800. 910-673-2504.

1986 Honda 200 SX 4-Wheeler, runs great! Fair to poor cosmetically, electric or pull start, Asheboro area. \$900. 252-943-8927.

Farm Fresh Brown Eggs, \$2/dozen, \$3/18 & \$4/30. Located in Siler City but commute to Asheboro. 919-704-0441.

1991 Ford Dump truck. 910-464-3459.

Trac Vac Vacuum to pick up leaves & grass clippings. Can be hooked behind mower, \$365. 336-318-5510.

Recording King Acoustic Guitar w/case. VGC. 336-257-4146.

Antique mahogany J. & C. Fischer small Grand Piano, 67 in. wide, 60 in. long. Bench included. \$1,200. 336-879-5481.

Wurlitzer piano. Great for church, daycare, or home. Mahogany finish with matching bench. \$500 firm. Ramseur area. 336-460-1123.

Nordic Track Elliptical CX1000 Space Saver. Like new. \$200. 336-963-1097 or 919-742-6089.

New Rollator w/ seat, blue, never used. \$50. 336-470-3281.

Good used tin, 14 ft. & 8 ft. 336-629-9679.

Honey. 336-879-2686.

8 oz. jelly jars. 336-953-3901.

TV table w/ stereo shelf, \$50. Magazine rack, swivels, \$45. Flower vases \$1 ea. Color TVs \$20 - \$30 ea. Steamers, \$20 ea. Rainbow Vacuum, \$75. New Sentry safe, \$20. Maytag Refrigerator, \$95. Kitchen table, \$60. 336-879-3320.

Two buggies & wagon, antiques. 336-824-4308.

35 acres on Pickets Mill Rd. 336-629-3342.

Simplicity Rear Tine Tiller, 9HP Briggs & Stratton Engine. Used very little, \$500. 336-581-3565.

Troy-Bilt Pressure Washer, 2600 PSI, 5 HP motor. 336-381-3179.

New handmade quilts, F, Q, K, \$125 - \$150 neg. 336-625-4548.

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

FOR RENT

Singlewide 3 BR 2 BA mobile home on private lot w/ 8 acres. \$300 per month, \$300 deposit, on Ramseur-Julian Rd. 336-824-4308.

Mobile home & separate lot for rent. 910-464-3459.

**Members, email SwapShop items
to General@RandolphEMC.com**

2014 Candidate List

U.S. Senate

Kay Hagan (D) 521 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

Tom Tillis (R) 16 W. Jones St., Room 2304, Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

U.S. House

District 2

Renee Ellmers (R) P.O. Box 904, Dunn, NC 28335

Clay Aiken (D) P.O. BOX 3809, Cary, NC 27519

District 6

Mark Walker (R) 4089 Battleground Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410

Laura Fjeld (D) P.O. Box 4594 Greensboro, NC 27404

District 8

Richard Hudson (R) 325 McGill Ave., NW, Suite 500, Concord, NC 28027

Antonio Blue (D) 287 Earle Franklin Dr., Hamlet, NC 28345

N.C. Senate

District 23 Chatham/Orange

Valerie Foushee (D) 106 Claris Court, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Mary Lopez-Carter (R) P.O. Box 493, Hillsborough, NC 27298

District 24 Alamance/Randolph

Richard W. Gunn, Jr. (R) P.O. Box 308, Burlington, NC 27216

District 29 Randolph/Moore

Jerry Tillman (R) 1207 Dogwood Ln., Archdale, NC 27263

Tommy Davis (D) 485 Rowe Ave., Aberdeen NC 28315

District 33 Montgomery/Davidson

Stan Bingham (R) 292 N. Main St., Denton, NC 27239

N.C. House

District 52 Moore

Jamie Boles (R) 425 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, NC 28387

District 54 Chatham/Lee

Robert T. Reives, II (D) 1502 Woodland Ave., Sanford, NC 27330

Andy Wilkie (R) 3137 Goldston Glendon Rd., Goldston, NC 27252

District 64 Alamance

Dennis Riddell (R) 6343 Beale Rd., Snow Camp, NC 27349

District 66 Montgomery/Richmond

Ken Goodman (D) 832 Williamsburg Dr., Rockingham, NC 28379

District 67 Montgomery/Stanly

Justin P. Burr (R) 125 S. Third St., Albemarle, NC 28001

Nalin Mehta (D) 34876 Oak Hill Dr., Albemarle, NC 28001

District 70 Randolph

Pat Hurley (R) 141 Ridgcrest Rd., Asheboro, NC 27203

Wesley Fennell (D) 741 E. Salisbury St., Asheboro, NC 27203

District 78 Moore/Randolph

Allen Ray McNeill (R) 4172 NC Hwy. 49 S., Asheboro, NC 27205

AWARE

a word about
Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert, CEO

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 that wish to serve you in Raleigh and Washington. I want to encourage you, if you are not already, to be the most important part of the election process—a voter.

What is the importance of voting? 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. Voting lets us choose able leaders who have qualities in them that can be beneficial for the growth of the country and can protect the interests of the common people.

Another reason voting is important is that it creates a sense of responsibility in our leaders. Knowing that they have been chosen over another candidate for performing in a professional and dedicated manner holds them accountable for their actions for the duration of their service period.

The opportunity to elect our government came at a price, and casting a vote is the most widely understood and discretely effective way to have one's voice heard in American politics. When we exercise our right to vote for public officials, the votes we cast extend far beyond one election: we are able

to elect individuals who will make concrete decisions on our behalf about how our government will be run, the wars we engage in and how national and local resources will be invested. In addition, electing candidates from diverse communities serves to create a leadership base that can articulate and advocate for the distinct needs of these communities.

We should set an example for young people to become a part of the election process. As parents, we should teach our children that voting on Election Day is a responsibility that is expected from the citizens of a free nation. 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 generation. How many times have you heard, '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 a few votes. When I hear these reports, it reminds me of the importance of being involved in the process.

Midterm elections, such as the one approaching on November 4th, historically have lower voter participation levels than years when the presidential election is held. Even though this is a midterm election, taking the time to become educated about candidates, their stand on issues that are important



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to you, and then completing the action by voting is critically important. The Congress and the N.C. Legislature possesses the power to enact legislation that will have a direct impact on us as a nation, as a state, as electric utility owners and as individuals.

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 to participate in the electoral process. The right to vote embodies the spirit of American democracy. Don't leave democracy to someone else. That person or group may not share the same values, ideas and concerns that you do. Be a voice in this upcoming election. Your vote does count!

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert,
Chief Executive Officer