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A Season of Gratitude

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, Randolph EMC is thankful for you, our members.

During a year of unforeseen challenges, all of us worked together in many different ways to exhibit the spirit of cooperation.

Many of you participate in People Helping People, which rounds up your bill to the nearest dollar and contributes the difference to worthy members in need, making a real impact on our community. This program also distributed \$15,000 in grant funds from Randolph EMC and cooperative lender CoBank to bolster efforts from our local nonprofits to support those in need during the coronavirus crisis. Read more about this program in Dale Lambert's AWARE Column on page B!

In addition, we're thankful for the teachers and students in our communities, who are giving new meaning to the word "innovation" in the ways they've had to adapt to learning in this environment. Our Bright Ideas Grant Program earmarked \$12,000 for local teachers in their efforts to provide children an exceptional classroom experience.

We're also grateful for the commitment you have shown to the future of our co-op by voting for our board of directors and attending our annual meeting, even as we shifted to a virtual format.

And, we thank you for participating in innovative energy programs like SPOTT Alerts, SunPath Community Solar and REVUP. These programs bring us together in new, innovative



ways and expand our capabilities to continue to deliver reliable, affordable and sustainable power, now and for generations to come.

As a community-led cooperative, our mission is to build a brighter future for the people, businesses and communities we serve. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you, and we couldn't achieve our mission without your support.



Upcoming Holiday Closings

Randolph EMC offices will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving.

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A Word About Randolph Electric

From CEO Dale Lambert

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Dear Members,

November is traditionally the month of “Thanksgiving.” Many times, we — and I am certainly guilty — get so caught in the day-to-day activities of life we neglect to be thankful. On a personal note, I certainly have been blessed. I’m thankful for my Lord, my family and my church. I am also thankful to have the opportunity to work for you each and every day.

We have an awesome employee team who is dedicated to providing you with safe and exceptional service, whether it’s a sunny day or a stormy night. I am so thankful for their commitment and for the great job they do. They’re the best in my book.

I appreciate the guidance and wisdom provided by your Board of Directors. They set high expectations for Randolph EMC and push us to be the best electric cooperative we can be. They provide strategic direction as we plan for the future so we can continue meeting, and striving to exceed, the expectations you have for us.

Another special group I would like to recognize is the People Helping People (PHP) Board of Directors, which includes Debra Vernon (Chair), Uretha Smith (Vice Chair), Christina Haynes (Secretary) Doris Brady, Cindy Key, Gary Loy and Phillip McNeill. These folks have a heart of service and do a fantastic job administering donations. I am very thankful and appreciative of all their efforts in guiding the People Helping People program.

During this Thanksgiving season, I would like to encourage you to participate in this very worthwhile program established by your cooperative to help fellow members in need. This not-for-profit organization oversees the funds that are collected from Randolph EMC members who elect to have their electric bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. PHP is a tax-deductible, approved 501(c)(3) organization that is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who represent communities throughout Randolph EMC’s service area. This is a very dedicated and capable group that should be commended for their willingness to serve the membership and to administer the funds for this worthy program.

Through People Helping People, your contributions directly aid individuals and families — who are members of Randolph EMC — who are going through a very difficult time. Donations have been made to families battling cancer, victims of house fires, young parents who have both lost their jobs, and many other folks facing crises in their lives.

It’s important for you to know that the PHP board scrutinizes every application and makes donations to those members who are most worthy of receiving them. It’s also important to note that donations are not intended to pay electric bills. The vision for this organization was not to be self-serving for Randolph EMC.

Since its inception in 2000, the People Helping People program has administered almost \$220,000 to assist

fellow members. That’s something to be proud of — your assistance is changing lives in our local communities. But there is so much more that we could do.

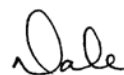
The easiest thing to do is not get involved. A total of 1,477 members are currently signed up. This means that only about 4.5 percent of all Randolph EMC accounts currently participate. Just think of all the lives that would be touched if all 32,500 bills we send out every month were rounded up! I encourage you to join us in making a difference in the life of a neighbor and fellow member.

We have made it very easy for you to sign up. Simply call the Asheboro or Robbins offices or fill out the form online at RandolphEMC.com/PHP. Don’t forget to sign up your businesses as well; this is not just for residential accounts.

Your average contribution is just 50 cents per month, or \$6 per year, and we’ve made it very easy to track your contributions for tax purposes. Each year, on your January power bill, the amount donated each month from the previous year is totaled for you to use in preparing your tax returns.

Please take just a few moments today to sign up for the PHP program. Through your caring and sharing, the lives of fellow Randolph EMC members will be brightened.

Cooperatively Yours,



Dale F. Lambert
Chief Executive Officer



Four Ways to Save Energy in the Kitchen

Kitchen Tip:

Using a slow cooker is more energy-efficient than using your large stove or oven.

Ah, the kitchen. It's undeniably one of the most-loved rooms in our homes. It's where we gather with family and friends for our favorite meals and memories. But like most of us, you probably aren't thinking about saving energy when you're planning that perfect dish. Here are four ways you can save energy in the kitchen with minimal effort.

1 When possible, cook with smaller appliances. Using smaller kitchen appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens and convection ovens is more energy-efficient than using your large stove or oven. According to the Department of Energy, a toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

2 Unplug appliances that draw phantom energy load. Halloween may be over, but it's possible you have energy vampires in your kitchen—these are the appliances that draw energy even when they're not in use, like coffee makers, microwaves and toaster ovens. The Department of Energy has estimated that one home's energy vampires left plugged in year-round can add up to \$100-\$200 in wasted energy costs. Unplug them when they're not in use, or better yet, use a power strip for convenient control.

3 Help large appliances work less. There are small ways you can help your larger kitchen appliances run more efficiently. For example, keep range-top burners clean from spills and fallen foods so they'll reflect heat better. When it's time to put leftovers in the refrigerator, make sure the food is covered and allow it to cool down first. That way, the fridge doesn't have to work harder to cool warm food.

4 Use your dishwasher efficiently. Only run full loads and avoid using the "rinse hold" function on your machine for just a few dirty dishes; it uses 3-7 gallons of hot water each use. You can also save energy by letting your dishes air dry. If your dishwasher doesn't have an automatic air-dry switch, simply turn it off after the final rinse and prop the door open so the dishes will dry faster.

Bonus tip:

The best way to save energy is to not use it. Try a tasty, no-bake dessert recipe. Your sweet tooth (and energy bill!) will thank you.

By slightly adjusting a few of your habits in the kitchen, you'll be well on your way to energy savings. Visit the [Manage My Energy](#) section of [RandolphEMC.com](#) for additional ways you can save energy and money at home.



NC Co-ops Vote: Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3

This year's Election Day will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, and North Carolina voters will have the opportunity to vote for president, governor, members of Congress and state legislators, as well as other races.

In recognition of the importance of making your voice heard at the polls, North Carolina's electric cooperatives have launched NC Co-ops Vote, a non-partisan effort to provide relevant information to co-op members and encourage them to vote. Like

NC Co-ops Vote on Facebook and follow us on Twitter using [@NCCoopsVote](#) and [#NCCoopsVote](#) [#CoopsVote](#) to learn more.

Voters are also encouraged to visit the North Carolina State Board of Elections at [vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup](#) prior to Election Day to check voter registration details, find their Election Day polling place, and view election districts and a sample ballot (when available), among other information.



Extend Daylight Saving Time with an Outdoor Security Light!

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 1, 2020, but that doesn't mean you have to give up your evening outdoor activities. Randolph EMC's outdoor security lights provide a safe environment around your home in a variety of options for an affordable fee added to your electric bill.

Call your local office or visit [RandolphEMC.com](#) for outdoor security light styles and pricing.



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