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A newsletter for the member-owners of



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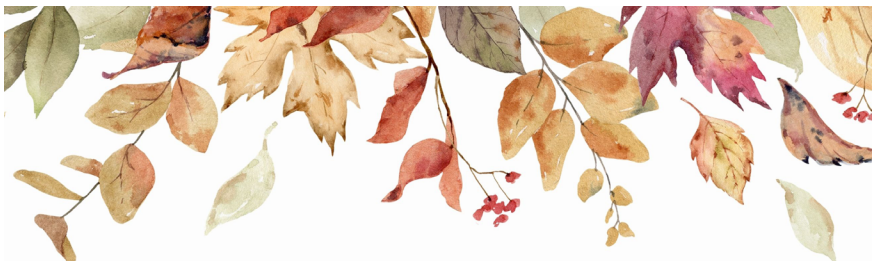
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November is the Season of Thanks!

In this issue of Watts Working, we honor our veterans and share the impactful story of our latest Sharing Success Community Grant recipient. Plus, don't miss out on the opportunity to apply for the 2026 Youth Tour!



HAPPY Thanksgiving

**Our offices will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday,
Nov. 28, in observance of the
holiday.**

**We hope you have a wonderful
Thanksgiving!**



A Word About Randolph Electric

From CEO Dennis Mabe

Thanksgiving Reflections: Gratitude for the Teachers in Our Lives

Dear Members,

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of year. It's a season for gathering with family and friends, but also for reflection—looking back at those who shaped our lives and left a lasting mark. This year, my heart is filled with gratitude for the teachers and mentors who poured into me along the way.

There was Ms. Sara Shepherd, who steadily offered encouragement, guidance and love when I needed it most. Ms. Barbara Johnson, on the other hand, had a firmer approach. I still remember stopping by Johnson's Peaches after trips to the beach with my kids, telling them how Ms. Johnson seemed to spank me whether I needed it or not. She leaned in and said, "Dennis, I just loved you is all, and sometimes you needed a little tough love." She was right, and I'm grateful.

Many others stand out as well: Ms. Annette Blue, Judy & John McNerney, Dr. Dawson Carr, Jack & Doris Whitley and so many more—all instrumental in my journey as an engineer and as a person. Their lessons of discipline, curiosity, and perseverance continue to shape my life. Among them, one teacher's influence was especially profound: Arthur Edwin Bryant.

Mr. Bryant was my engineering physics teacher at Sandhills Community College. More than a teacher, he was a veteran of the Korean War who fought bravely at the Battle of Heartbreak Ridge and earned the Purple Heart. After serving his country, he dedicated 23 years in teaching physics at Sandhills. But the lessons in his classroom went far beyond equations. He pushed us to tackle hard problems head-on and never back down from hard work. We all had our expensive calculators and he had his slide rule, yet he usually beat us to the answer. He believed in his students' success and took as much pride in our achievements as we did. His resilience and dedication continue to guide me to this day.

My gratitude for our veterans, however, extends far beyond Mr. Bryant's classroom. When I was 18 at NC

State, my roommates were all veterans. I was just a young college student, but living alongside them I quickly realized how much I had to learn. They taught me discipline, the value of routines and practical life skills that have stayed with me. Most importantly, they showed me maturity, service, and brotherhood.

Thanksgiving reminds us that gratitude is not just about being thankful for food on the table or the blessings of today. It's about remembering the people who shaped us—the teachers, mentors, friends, and family members who guided us—and honoring the veterans who sacrificed so we could live in freedom. It's about carrying their lessons forward, living in a way that serves others and strengthens our community.

At Randolph EMC, we are committed to that same spirit of service, standing alongside you, our member-owners, through every challenge and every season. Just as I'm thankful for those who taught me, I'm thankful for each of you, our dedicated employee team and members who help strengthen our cooperative to better serve our communities.

This Thanksgiving, may we all pause to give thanks, not only for the blessings in front of us but also for the people who helped us become who we are today.

With gratitude,

Dennis Mabe,
CEO



Thanks to Those Who Serve: Honoring Our Veterans

A salute to the men and women who have given everything for our freedom.

Randolph EMC salutes all who currently serve and those who have served our country in the past. We thank you for protecting the freedoms we enjoy today.

Randolph EMC is a proud employer of veterans. This month, we honor our employees who are also veterans:

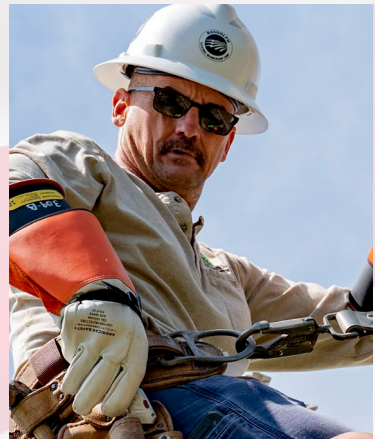
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Randolph EMC offices will be
closed **Tuesday, Nov. 11** in
observance of Veterans Day



Ready for an Adventure? Apply for NC Youth Tour!

**Join a journey of discovery, leadership and
unforgettable moments in the nation's capital.**

As a Randolph EMC delegate on the NC Youth Tour, you'll have the chance to immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Washington, D.C. You will explore the city's most iconic landmarks and museums, meet with elected officials and form lasting friendships with fellow delegates from NC and across the country. This all-expenses-paid experience trip, sponsored by electric cooperatives, is a valuable opportunity for motivated, community-minded students.

Don't miss this chance to be part of a life-changing experience that will inspire and empower you! Scan the QR code below to learn more and apply!



Applications Due:
January 16, 2026

Tour Dates:
June 14–20, 2026

Apply:
randolphemc/youthtour



Helping Hands, Winning Hearts

Randolph EMC's PHP Giveaway is here. Sign up now for your chance to win!

Do you round up your electric bill for People Helping People (PHP) each month to help your fellow member-owners in need? If so, your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for caring and making a difference in the lives of others in distress.

People Helping People (PHP) is a non-profit program that gives Randolph EMC members a unique opportunity to help others in the communities we serve.

The PHP program enables member-owners to "round up" their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. The extra change goes into the PHP account, which is used solely to fund requests for assistance from other member-owners in need of financial help due to circumstances beyond their control.

Each participating member contributes an average of just \$6 per year (or about 50 cents per month).

The PHP Board of Directors review requests to determine donations to REMC members that apply.

If you haven't opted to round up your bill to the nearest dollar each month for PHP, but would like to, now is actually a great time to do so!

Why? Between now and Dec. 10, REMC will enter all member-owners who donate to PHP (current and new) in a drawing to win a Yeti Cooler Gift Bundle. REMC will announce the name of one lucky winner on our Facebook page on Friday, Dec. 12. Watch to see if you win!

Sign up now by scanning the QR code below or visiting the PHP webpage shown. Be sure to enter for your chance to win a great prize. But remember, *everyone* who signs up wins the biggest prize of all: blessing the lives of your fellow member-owners in economic need during this very special season of giving.



Warm Hearts Win Cool Prizes!

Round up your electric bill for PHP and be entered to win this Yeti Cooler Gift Bundle!

Winner to be announced on Facebook Friday, Dec. 12.

Scan to enter



Current and new sign-ups eligible now through Dec. 10.

 **People Helping People**
Round Up to Give a Hand Up with Randolph EMC

RandolphEMC.com/people-helping-people

More Than a Meal: The Heart of Our Daily Bread

For nearly 36 years, Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Asheboro has been more than a place to eat; it's been a place to belong. Under the care and leadership of Gene Woodle, the kitchen serves an average of 300 to 400 people each week, offering hot meals, groceries and something even more valuable: hope.

From the start, Gene has worked to make sure the soup kitchen isn't just about food. "We want people to know that God loves them and that we love them," he says.

Each day begins with prayer, and every meal is served with kindness. Guests leave not only with full stomachs, but often with lighter hearts.

The soup kitchen's support goes beyond the table. Over the years, Gene and his team have helped people find clothing, housing and even jobs. "It's a loving family, no matter where you come from or what background," Gene explains

Much of the kitchen's strength comes from community support. Donations from food drives organized by local churches, schools and even a summer concert help keep the shelves stocked.

This year, Our Daily Bread also received a Sharing Success Grant from Randolph EMC, which will provide funds for food and supplies to continue serving neighbors in need.

Looking ahead, Gene hopes the kitchen will expand its outreach even further. But for now, he says, the mission remains the same: to feed the hungry, share God's love and remind each person who walks through the door that they are not forgotten.



Randolph EMC's Christian Morgan and Emely Noesi present a Sharing Success Community Grant check to Gene Woodle of Our Daily Bread, supporting thier mission of feeding neighbors in need.



Community members gather at Our Daily Bread, where hot meals and helping hands are offered to anyone in need.

Scan the QR code
to watch the
story about Our
Daily Bread!



The Cooperative Difference *in Action*

Leadership Randolph Class of 2026 explores teamwork, technology and safety at Randolph EMC



The power of leadership was on full display when Randolph Electric opened its doors to the Leadership Randolph Class of 2026 on Thursday, October 2. The class had the opportunity to see what leadership looks like within the walls of our cooperative and how every employee plays a part in serving our member-owners.

In addition to REMC's own Michael Trent, Emely Noesi and Christian Morgan, several guest speakers were on hand to contribute to discussions. Zeb Holden, Randolph County Manager; Joey Trogon of S.E. Trogon and Sons; Loren Hill from Carolina Core and Crystal Gettys from the Randolph Economic Development Corporation shared insights



on our local infrastructure and economic development across our region.

The day began with an introduction to REMC's commitment to leadership and service before participants jumped into a hands-on outage simulation game. Working together, they quickly discovered how many moving parts it takes to restore power and the importance of teamwork during a crisis.

From there, the group visited Dispatch and GIS, where technology meets decision-making, and learned how real-time data helps guide the co-op's response in the field.

The highlight of the day was a live line demonstration that underscored both the power of electricity and the critical role of safety in everything we do.

The visit gave Leadership Randolph participants a deeper understanding of the cooperative difference and how REMC employees lead with service, teamwork and dedication to members every day.

