

THIS WEEK: Roanoke Electric Co-op brings forth landmark moment in its initiative to help bridge the region's digital divide

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Roanoke Electric Coop's Marshall Cherry recognizes Teresa Watford of Aulander, whose home was the first to be connected to the co-op's high-speed internet network.

TURNING POINT

Co-op marks major milestone

Roanoke Electric Co-op marked a critical point in its effort to bring broadband technology to the region. On April 20, the co-op connected the first member-owner's home to its fiber-optic network. The Roanoke Connect Phase II pilot project is now officially underway, offering the opportunity for the first 60 homes within a specified radius to receive high-speed internet service for the first time. To see if your residence is eligible to participate in this testing phase, [read more.](#)

OPERATION ROUNDUP

Spare change brings about big changes

By rounding up their electric bill payments to the next highest dollar, Roanoke Electric Co-op member-owners were recently able to contribute more than \$10,000 to local nonprofits. Who were the latest recipients of all this goodwill? [Read more.](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Straight Talk comes to Gates County

Gates County High School is the place to be for the Roanoke Electric Co-op's next Straight Talk forum on May 11th, beginning at 6 p.m. In addition to an open dialogue about co-op programs and services, the event will also offer member-owners the opportunity to pre-register for high speed internet service.

[Read more.](#)



MONEY MATTERS

Bargain shopping: one click away

Imagine this: You go online shopping to your hearts content and by doing so, you get to save money on your electric bill. Sound too good to be true? Not so for co-op member-owners, who are already reaping the many rewards of this popular buying experience. To see how it works,



[check this out.](#)

[SAFETY SPOTLIGHT](#)

May: National Electrical Safety Month

Do you know what time it is? This is the time of year you may be eager to venture outside and put your green thumb to good use. In addition to urging you to call 811 before you dig, Roanoke Electric Co-op is calling on you to take note of all the safety warnings now being highlighted as part of National Electrical Safety Month. [Read more.](#)



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