

THIS WEEK: partnering for progress, avoiding outages, starting fires and more...

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MONEY MATTERS

Co-op's investment in education mounts

Roanoke Electric Cooperative has done it again, this time awarding more than \$8,000 in support of local education. That rings up to more than \$170,000 the co-op has invested in Bright Ideas, a program which has served to help finance innovative educational initiatives for more than two decades.

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YOU'RE INVITED

Coming soon: Motivation for collaboration

When it comes to community empowerment, Kenston J. Griffin has a special message to deliver to the local community: "We are better together." Griffin, a renowned motivational speaker and best-selling author, will be the keynote presenter this Friday at the Roanoke Chowan Partners for Progress 2 quarterly meeting. For more info on this upcoming event, [read more.](#)



REC SOLUTIONS

Why vegetation management matters

Did you know that tree contact with power lines is the leading source of power outages in the United States? Roanoke Electric Co-op is doing its part to steer clear of that occurring in its service territory, by making vegetation management one of its top priorities. [Read more.](#)



ON DEADLINE

Youth Tour: Now accepting applications

Calling on all local high school juniors! Roanoke Electric Co-op's application deadline is fast-approaching for the 2017 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Don't miss out on what could be an all-expense paid trip of a lifetime to the nation's capital. [Read more.](#)



TODAY'S TIPS

Before you start up that fire...

Curling up near the fireplace can be an experience to behold this time of year. But don't let the dancing flames and symphony of crackling embers fool you. Lurking behind the scene could be two common dangers: carbon monoxide poisoning and hazardous fire conditions. For safer use, home owners should make sure chimneys, fireplaces and vents are inspected and cleaned at least once every year.



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