

Roanoke Electric **FLASHES**

The Roanoke Center

The key to “energy efficiency for residential and commercial businesses”

In its effort to continue to support the local building industry in the northeast region of North Carolina, the Roanoke Center, along with its parent company Roanoke Electric Cooperative, continues to promote the “Energy Efficiency Renovations and Repairs Program.”

This program, a component of REC’s Together We Save Solutions, is designed to help reduce energy usage and costs, especially since federal and state governments are encouraging Americans to employ more energy efficient systems in their existing homes.

Furthermore, the 2005 Energy Policy Act qualifies homeowners for a tax credit that encourages energy-efficient improvements to a home’s exterior (windows, doors, insulation), heating, air conditioning and ventilation (HVAC), 2water heating equipment, which has been identified as program components.

The Roanoke Center serves as the catalyst to help increase the knowledge and awareness of the participants of the methods for energy conservation and energy efficiency. Most contractors and

homeowners are not aware of various programs such as the Weatherization Assistance Program that works with public housing authorities to incorporate energy efficiency measures in new construction, including home plan reviews, specification writing, contractor training, on site quality control and performance testing. 0000879201

This program assists with providing energy efficiency measures, as well as a directory of qualified contractors who are capable of providing the necessary workmanship to help homeowners qualify for the available tax credits.

The program is intended to assist the homeowners, farmers and rural small businesses achieve the following:

- ▼ Increase the energy efficiency of dwellings
- ▼ Increase the comfort of dwellings



- ▼ Increase the durability of dwellings
- ▼ Provide energy improvement recommendations that portray reasonable and consistent projects of energy savings
- ▼ Reduce waste and pollution while protecting the environment
- ▼ Reduce energy cost

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the program, please call (252) 539-4600 or (252) 209-2236 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.



Find your account number in this newsletter, contact us and win \$25 Roanoke Bucks!

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Operation RoundUp® 1st Quarter Results

Since Roanoke Electric Cooperative was formed, your cooperative has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton and Perquimans counties.

We do this by not only providing affordable electric service to our members, but also by our active involvement in a number of important altruistic endeavors.

One of the most successful community service efforts in which we're involved has been the Operation RoundUp program. Operation RoundUp has been a successful way in which we have been able to help non-profit organizations in our community.

Through Operation RoundUp, Roanoke Electric member's sign up to have their electric bills rounded up to the next highest dollar. For example, a consumer's monthly bill of \$42.73 would be automatically rounded up to \$43, with the additional 27 cents going to the Operation RoundUp fund. On average, participating members

donate roughly six dollars per year and that pool of money is then allocated to a variety of worthy causes throughout our service area.

For the first quarter of 2011, the following organizations were funded by Operation RoundUp:

- ▼ American Cancer Society Hertford-Gates Relay for Life
- ▼ American Cancer Society Bertie County Relay for Life
- ▼ Conway-Severn Rescue Squad, Inc.
- ▼ Gaston Volunteer Fire/Rescue
- ▼ Jackson Rescue Squad, Inc.
- ▼ Rheasville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
- ▼ Triple "C" Bible Institute and Camp, Inc.

If you are a non-profit organization interested in applying for Operation RoundUp funds, you may download an application from www.roanokeelectric.com or email Robin Phillips, Communications & Public Relations Coordinator, at rphillips@roanokeelectric.com.



TOP: Board members Rev. Milton Jones and Louis Alson present a Operation RoundUp Check to Chief Ricky Cobb of the Rheasville Fire Department in Roanoke Rapids.

BOTTOM: Chief Chris Buffaloe is the chief at Conway-Severn Rescue Squad, one of the organizations funded by Operation RoundUp recently.

Roanoke EC members win credit, save money!

Roanoke EC Call to Action winners!

In the December 2010 issue of the "Flashes" newsletter, REC asked all members to update their accounts by providing an email address. All members providing the requested information were eligible for a \$50 Roanoke Bucks prize to be used toward their utility bill. There were two winners (listed below), and each received a \$50 Roanoke Buck credit. *Congratulations from Roanoke EC to both winners!*

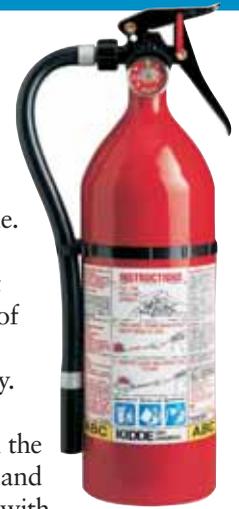
*Elizabeth Villa of Eure
Brian T. Parker of Ahoskie*

Members save on prescriptions

Roanoke Electric members saved \$1,375 in November 2010 on 146 prescriptions, and \$2,289 in December 2010 on 215 prescriptions with their Co-op Connections card.



What you need to know before a fire breaks out in or around your home



There are four different classes of fire that you may deal with:

Class "A" fires consist of those fuels that leave behind ash and glowing embers. Some examples of these fuels are wood, paper, clothing, plastics, hair and skin. (Yes, humans can become a fuel if we use the extinguisher improperly.)

Class "B" fires are those that involve flammable and combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, diesel, alcohol, grease and cooking oils.

Class "C" fires involve energized electrical equipment. The fuel that is burning may be Class "A", Class "B" or Class "D," while the Class "C" designation indicates an electrical shock hazard.

Class "D" fires are composed of combustible metals such as magnesium, lithium and sodium. They normally burn with a very intense, white hot flame, which is aggravated by most extinguishing agents.

Fire extinguisher tips

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting

out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives, but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:

Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle, pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.

Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be

difficult to handle.

Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

Read the instructions with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.

Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

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