



Roanoke Electric **FLASHES**

Choose your bill's due date

Effective September 1, 2012, Roanoke Electric Cooperative will add more billing cycles, giving you—our members—more flexibility. You will have the option to choose from one of four scheduled due dates that would better suit your needs.

We will be expanding the billing and associated functions from once per month to four times per month. With this change, you can select one of the following projected due dates: the 1st, 8th, 15th, or 22nd of the month.

In the very near future, you will be receiving more information about your new billing cycle. We will be preselecting it based on your location and granting the opportunity to change to another cycle. As always, thank you for allowing us to serve your electrical needs.

Call Roanoke Electric at 1-800-433-2236.

Save the date!



We have some exciting agenda changes coming this year to your annual meeting!

Roanoke Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting
and Member Appreciation Day

Saturday, August 25, 2012, 9 a.m.

Hertford County High School

For more information, see page 20



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number in this newsletter,
contact us and win \$25
Roanoke Bucks!*

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Bright Ideas & early bird drawing



Want a chance to win an extra \$500? Teachers who apply for a Bright Ideas grant before August 17 are eligible for an early bird prize drawing — a \$500 Visa gift card provided by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Applications and information about this program are available at www.ncbrightideas.com or by visiting the Roanoke EC's website at www.roanokeelectric.com.

Roanoke EC scholarship winner

Brittney Shanice Melton received this year's \$1,000 Roanoke Electric Cooperative Scholarship. Roanoke Electric established this scholarship in 1985 to help a young person who understands the cooperative way of doing business. Roanoke EC is very proud of its young people and encourages them to be strong cooperative leaders of the future.



Brittney Shanice Melton won a \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to study communications.

Going on vacation?

Here are ways to keep your home safe, efficient

The days are long and the weather is warm. Summer is at its peak, which means many of us are taking off for a vacation. Whether you're taking in North Carolina's scenery or heading on a big adventure, you want to make sure your home is safe while you're away 111229-001. Before you pack up the car and hurry off, take the time to follow some simple safety precautions.

To prevent fires, and protect appliances:

- ▼ Unplug major appliances such as televisions, computers, washers and dryers. They are more susceptible to power surges than smaller appliances. A power surge causes an increase in the electrical potential energy, which can increase the current flowing to your wall outlet.
- ▼ Make sure extension cords and power strips are unplugged.
- ▼ Turn off the water supply.
- ▼ Carefully identify nonessential circuit breakers in your home and turn them off to prevent fires from developing in electrical circuits.

To protect your home from burglary:

- ▼ Ask a friend or trusted neighbor if they will keep an eye on your house while you are away.
- ▼ Set interior lights on timers and set exterior lights on motion detectors.
- ▼ Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- ▼ If you are away for more than a week, advise your alarm company or even your local police, if you live in a small town.
- ▼ Store jewelry and valuable items in a safe-deposit box.



In addition to making your home safe, you can also make it more efficient. Unplugging appliances as mentioned helps. Also, either turn off your air conditioner or set it to 80-85 degrees Fahrenheit while you're away during the summer. Some thermostats are programmable with a "hold" or "vacation" setting for this purpose.

Also remember to unplug "vampire electronics" to save energy. These are electronics that use energy even when turned off. They are items with a display clock or any kind of glowing light, like cell phone chargers, microwave ovens and DVD players. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates 40 percent of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed when those devices are in standby mode, so remember to unplug them before your vacation.

You'll enjoy your vacation a little more knowing that your home is safe and energy efficient.

Straight Talk Talk



Straight Talk About Energy Community Forums

To discuss...

- **What's Coming...** Bill increase
- **Why...** wholesale power cost increase in the next 3 to 5 years, as much as **25% – 30%** increase.

REVISED DATES AND LOCATION

Halifax County
Agriculture Center - Halifax

Sat., July 21st 11:00 AM

Wellness Center - Jackson

Sat., Oct. 13th 11:00 AM

Dinner will be served
Forums for everyone – not just REC's members
Everyone will receive light bulbs

Reserve your seat by calling the Straight Talk message line at 252-209-2267.

All attendees will be put in a drawing for – low flow shower heads, water heater wraps and \$250 worth of Roanoke Bucks in \$50 increments (this is money members can use to pay on light bill)

Seating is Limited & Pre-Registration is Required



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Annual meeting bylaws information

REC's Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Day on August 25

Roanoke Electric will host its 74th Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 25, at Hertford County High School in Ahoskie. The three-year terms for districts 3, 4, and 7 will be up for election. Directors currently serving these districts are Carolyn Bradley, Robert Riddick, and Darnell Lee respectively. The cooperative's Bylaws require that a director must:

- Be a Member and receive the cooperative's electric service at his or her primary residential abode for at least the twelve (12) months period immediately preceding the date of his or her nomination;
- Fulfill all Membership Obligations for any and all accounts of the Member and, for the 12 months preceding the date of his or her nomination;
- Not be employed by or financially interested in an enterprise in competition with the cooperative or its subsidiaries; a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative or its subsidiaries; or a business substantially engaged in selling electrical appliances, fixtures or supplies primarily to members of the cooperative or its subsidiaries

The Bylaws establish two methods for nominating board members:

- By Nominating Committee or
- By signature petition of 15 or more members at least 35 days before the annual meeting.



Nominating Committee

The 2012 Nominating Committee members are: Robert G. Clark (Dist. 1), Kathy W. Knight (Dist. 2), Kenneth A. Pernell (Dist. 3), Enos Holloman (Dist. 4), Reba Green-Holley (Dist. 5), Sonya Trotman (Dist. 6), James T. Heckstall (Dist. 7), Irving Coggins (Dist. 8), and Venus Michelle Spruill (Dist. 9). The 2012 committee was appointed by the board on May 29, 2012, pursuant to requirements of Article IV, Section 6 of the co-op bylaws. The Nominating Committee will meet and post their meeting minutes before July 21, 2012.

Credentials & Elections Committee

This committee has the responsibility to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to registration of members, to count ballots cast in the election of directors or any other ballot vote taken at the meeting and to rule upon effect of any ballot irregularly marked. The committee's decision on all such matters is final. The 2012 committee was appointed by the board on May 29, 2012, pursuant to requirements of Article III, Section 5 of the co-op bylaws.

The 2012 Credentials & Elections Committee members are: Donnell Thomas (Dist. 1), Jacques Alexis (Dist. 2), Oscar R. Epps (Dist. 3), Robert Beard (Dist. 4), Robert Brian Savage (Dist. 5), Elmo Benton (Dist. 6), Marvin Watson (Dist. 7), James S. Pugh (Dist. 8), and Carolyn Drew (Dist. 9).

For further information, please contact Roanoke Electric Cooperative at (252) 209-2236.

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Roanoke Electric Cooperative will be closed on
Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence
Day. For emergencies call 1-800-358-9437.