



## 2008 Wake Electric annual meeting a success!

Wake Electric and its members are facing a monumental challenge - climate change. Many scientists agree that greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, warm the Earth and are accumulating in the Earth's atmosphere as a result of human activities. However, there is still some uncertainty as to how greenhouse gases actually affect the Earth's climate. That's one of the messages Wake Electric's CEO Jim Mangum shared with members at Wake's recent annual meeting at Louisburg College Auditorium in Louisburg. Mangum explained to members that new legislation calls for electric utilities to implement technologies and utilize renewable energy sources in order to slow, stop and eventually reduce the level of greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere.

“Wake Electric takes its role for responsible action very seriously,” said Mangum.

There is no single solution to climate change, said Mangum, but there are technologies that, combined, can reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the benchmark 1990 level. These technologies, according to recent studies, are: energy efficiency, different sources of renewable energy, nuclear generation, advanced coal generation, carbon capture and storage, plug-in hybrid vehicles and distributed energy resources. As these technologies develop, we all have the opportunity to become more energy efficient, advised Mangum.



***Carman Watson of Wake Forest was the lucky winner of the \$1,000 cash prize. And it was her very first annual meeting!***

He suggested to members that they consider changing traditional incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), upgrading appliances to newer, more energy efficient appliances, and follow home improvement tips like adding insulation (additional tips are on Wake Electric's website at [www.wemc.com](http://www.wemc.com)).

Members also learned that in 2007, \$50,000 was awarded to local teachers through Wake Electric's, Bright Ideas grant program, \$8,000 was given in scholarships, and another \$20,000 was granted in Classroom Technology Awards. Three members were elected to the cooperative's Board of Directors to serve three-year terms:

- Mike Dickerson of Oxford, District 3
- Roy Ed Jones of Wake Forest, District 6
- and Reuben Matthews of Middlesex, District 9

564 registered members attended the meeting. Drawings were held for several cash prizes. The winner of the \$1,000 grand prize was Carman Watson of Wake Forest; Landis Floyd of Creedmoor and Ronald White of Wake Forest each won \$500. Clifford Reid of Wake Forest, Tahkiya Kale of Middlesex, Janice Jones of Youngsville, and Lawrence Rohlik of Youngsville each won \$250. Several \$100 cash prizes were also awarded.



***Jim Hayes, an employee at Wake Electric, and his co-workers look forward every year to seeing members at the annual meeting.***

## Wake Electric awards college and basketball scholarships

### College scholarships awarded

Wake Electric awarded 8 scholarships to area high-school students who will be attending college in the fall.

The Fred M. Alford Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ruddyette Yisak of Wake Forest. Ruddyette will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall.

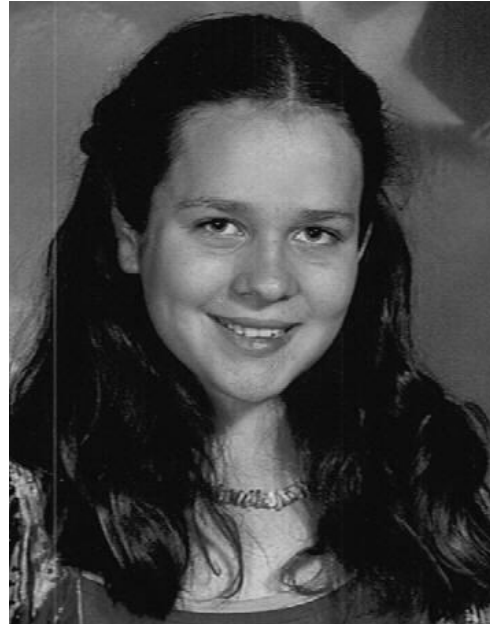
The Touchstone Energy Scholarship winners are:

- April Rogers of J.F. Webb High School; she resides in Oxford. April will be attending Vance-Granville Community College.
- Carly Lawrence of Franklinton High School; she resides in Franklinton. Carly will be attending UNC-Pembroke.
- Eric Herbert of Wake Forest who will be attending Appalachian State University.
- Sarah Herbert of Wake Forest who will be attending Appalachian State University.
- Rebekah Perez DeLeon of Franklinton High School; she resides in Youngsville. Rebekah will be attending Peace College.
- Reginald Richardson of Wake-Forest Rolesville High School; he resides in Wake Forest. Reginald will be attending UNC-Charlotte or Chapel Hill.
- Samuel Richards of Wake-Forest Rolesville High School; he resides in Zebulon. Samuel attends N.C. State University.

Funding for scholarships is made possible by Wake Electric member-consumers and Wake Electric employees through the Operation Round-Up Program. For more information on Operation RoundUp or the scholarship program, visit [www.wemc.com](http://www.wemc.com).

### Kay Yow and Roy Williams Basketball Camp Scholarships awarded

Wake Electric and North Carolina's Touchstone



**Meredyth Albright of Ligon Middle School**

Energy cooperatives are partnering with North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to offer educational and athletic opportunities for rising sixth through eighth graders this summer. Middle school students statewide will attend basketball camp: Wake has awarded Victor Burgess of Benson Middle School in Benson for the Roy Williams camp at UNC-Chapel Hill and Meredyth Albright of Ligon Middle School in Wake Forest and Maya Muldrow of East Millbrook Magnet School in Raleigh for the Kay Yow camp at NC State University.

“We have awarded these scholarships to deserving students since 2004 and we are thrilled to continue this summer tradition,” said Angela Perez, PR Specialist for Wake Electric. “Camp leaders will work closely with each camper to develop skills that will benefit the young athletes on and off the court.” Kay Yow, coach of the Wolfpack women’s basketball team, and Roy Williams, coach of the 2005 national champion Carolina Tar Heel men’s basketball team, will each instruct campers with the help of staff and current players. Not only does the program allow

## Basketball camp scholarships cont'd



**Maya Muldrow of East Millbrook Magnet in Raleigh**

students to spend time on a college campus, it also gives them the opportunity to receive individual and group instruction from two successful collegiate coaches to enhance their basketball skills.

Recipients of the Touchstone Energy Kay Yow Basketball

Camp scholarship will attend the overnight camp in Raleigh from June 22-26, 2008. Recipients of the Touchstone Energy Roy Williams Basketball Camp scholarship will attend the overnight camp in Chapel Hill from June 21-25, 2008. Applicants were judged on their academic records, extra-curricular activities and an essay submitted with the application.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camp program provides a unique educational and athletic opportunity for our state's youth. The scholarships reflect both Wake Electric's and Touchstone Energy's core values of accountability, integrity, innovation and commitment to community.

## Operation RoundUp winners announced for 1st quarter

### THE WINNERS FOR THE 1st QUARTER 2008 ROUND ARE:

1. Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of Louisburg to purchase equipment and expand a Food Pantry program.
2. Franklin County Health Department of Louisburg for family planning and healthy nutrition programs.
3. Triangle Spokes Group of Raleigh to provide new bicycles for underprivileged children
4. N.C. 4-H Development Fund of Raleigh for a middle-school camp program.
5. Youngsville Elementary PTO of Youngsville for a new playground.
6. Franklin – Granville - Vance Partnership for Children of Henderson for educational trips for a parenting program.
7. Zeb Vance Ruritans of Henderson for a repair project.
8. Wake Forest Community Response Team of Wake Forest for emergency response fund.
9. Wakefield High School Bands of Raleigh for after-school Jazz Band program that will include public performance.
10. Epsom Fire and Rescue Association of Henderson for the purchase of extraction equipment.
11. Granville County Library System of Oxford for a Books on Wheels project.
12. Brassfield Volunteer Fire Department of Franklinton for a heart defibrillator.

Operation RoundUp is a grant program awarding money each quarter of the year (in January, April, July, and October) to non-profit organizations with 501c3 status or IRS designated non-profit status. Any 501c3 or IRS-designated non-profit or not-for profit in our service area - Durham, Franklin, Granville, Nash, Johnston, Vance, and Wake counties - may apply for up to \$5,000.

Operation RoundUp is funded through voluntary contributions from members and employees.

## Spring right-of-way clearing

Spring is upon us and once again Wake Electric is scheduling the distribution circuits and transmission lines that will be sprayed this year.

The use of herbicides to control the young trees and brush has been part of Wake Electric's annual right of way maintenance program since 1997.

Since we began using the herbicides in conjunction with bushhogging, the number of stems or young trees that have caused issues been greatly reduced.

Without the heavy infestation of young trees to shade the ground, we see a thicker growth of wild grasses and weeds that help shade the ground and make it harder for young trees to sprout.

This year Wake Electric will be spraying right of ways in portions of the following counties:

- Vance,
- Granville,
- Franklin,
- Wake,
- Nash,
- and Johnston

Wake will also work from the following substations:

- Kittrell,
- Tar River,
- Creedmoor,
- New Light,
- Franklinton,
- Wake Forest,
- 98 East,
- Walkers Crossroads,
- Lassiter,
- Emit
- and Hares.

Wake Electric uses only chemicals that are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency. All spray work is done by certified applicators. The herbicide solution is applied at low volume rates with backpack style equipment.

Should you have questions concerning this work, please call Ed Wheeler at 919-863-6461.

### 40 local students to be awarded \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds!

If you missed the March drawing, don't worry. 40 more students' names will be drawn in mid-June to receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Students in Wake

Electric's service territory should submit their most recent report card showing at least one grade of an "A" (or the equivalent). For more info. go to [www.wemc.com](http://www.wemc.com).

*Funding for this program is through voluntary donations by members and employees to the Operation RoundUp program.*

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**Regular Office Hours:**

**M– F, 8 am—5 pm**

**Telephone Hours:**

**M– F, 7 am—9 pm**

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