

Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



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MAY 2010

Paperless Billing Is Easy, Convenient 10 lucky members will win a \$50 credit on their electric bill!

That's right—if you sign up for Handi-Pay bank draft, E-bill and paperless billing between March 1 and July 16, 2010, you could win a \$50 credit on your electric bill.



WHAT EXACTLY IS PAPERLESS BILLING?

Paperless billing is a service that allows Wake Electric members to receive their billing information online rather than in a printed, paper format. Paperless billing subscribers opt not to receive a paper bill in the mail and instead receive an e-mail notification each month directing them to view and pay their bill online at Wake Electric's E-bill website.

And when you choose our Handi-Pay bank draft option, you don't have to worry about paying your bill online—you can choose an automatic draft date that works best for you. This means no more paperwork or keeping up with due dates each month.

GOING GREEN

By helping Wake Electric cut down on the use of paper bills, you also help conserve natural resources and reduce our carbon footprint.

If you sign up for Handi-pay bank draft, E-bill, and paperless billing between March 1 and July 16, you will automatically be entered into a drawing for a \$50 bill credit. The drawing will be held July 2010. Winners will be notified in July and announced online and in the *Electri-Connection* section of the *Carolina Country* in September.

To enter the contest, simply call our customer service department at (800) 474-6300 or (919) 863-6300 or email information@wemc.com.

And that's all there is to it—once a customer service representative has signed you up for Handi-Pay bank draft, E-bill, and paperless billing, you will automatically be entered into the contest and will receive an e-mail confirmation that you have been entered within 3 business days.

** Be sure to allow wemc.com in your e-mail spam filter list.*

Let's go green together—ultimately everyone's a winner



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Telephone hours: M-F, 7 a.m.–9 p.m., 863.6300 or 800.474.6300
Underground locating service: Call 811



Betty M. Rogers of Youngsville was the winner of the \$1,000 cash prize drawing from the Annual Meeting on March 26. She is shown here with Jim Mangum, General Manager of Wake Electric.

Annual Meeting Prize Winners

More than 500 area members attended Wake Electric's 2010 Annual Meeting at Louisburg College Auditorium on March 26. Winners of the cash prize drawing were as follows:

| Name | City | Prize |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------|
| George P Akers | Creedmoor | \$100 |
| Lillian Shipman | Franklinton | \$100 |
| Patricia Person | Louisburg | \$100 |
| Randall & Joanna Williams | Youngsville | \$100 |
| Frank D Jones | Kittrell | \$100 |
| Darrell Howard | Franklinton | \$100 |
| Barbara L Smith | Wake Forest | \$100 |
| Calvin H White | Youngsville | \$100 |
| Tracy A Viger | Youngsville | \$100 |
| Henry Mason, Jr. | Bullock | \$100 |
| Deidre Council | Wake Forest | \$100 |
| Audrey Lowe | Kittrell | \$100 |
| Cammie Gray Kearney | Franklinton | \$100 |
| Alvin Foster | Kittrell | \$100 |
| Isabele M Reid | Bullock | \$100 |
| Preston Wright | Louisburg | \$100 |
| Michelle Arnold | Wake Forest | \$100 |
| Nannie Winstead | Oxford | \$100 |
| Fred Battle | Youngsville | \$100 |
| Jeff & Becky Holt | Wake Forest | \$100 |
| Bernice D Kingsberry | Kittrell | \$250 |
| Betty B Hargrove | Kittrell | \$250 |
| James E Beck | Creedmoor | \$250 |
| Doan B Laursen | Oxford | \$250 |
| Johnny Blow | Wake Forest | \$500 |
| Janie P Phillips | Wake Forest | \$500 |
| Betty M. Rogers | Youngsville | \$1,000 |

NOTE: Wake Electric has a policy that if we draw the registration card 1) of a church, business or civic organization, or 2) of an employee of Wake Electric who is also a member, then Wake Electric will grant that member a cash prize, but will draw again until a non-employee, residential account is drawn. When this occurs, more cash prizes are awarded than the number of cash prizes originally advertised. The winners falling into that category this year are: Michael Creek Baptist Church, Stovall, \$100; Pettiford Grove Baptist Church, Oxford, \$100; and Kathy Langston, Louisburg, \$100.

2010 Rural Electric Youth Tour Winners Chosen

High-school juniors Clay Long and Sallie Pete Thompson, both of Wake Forest, have been selected by Wake Electric to attend the 2010 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington D.C. this June. Long, 17, is a student at Wake Forest-Rolesville High. Thompson, 17, attends Raleigh Charter High School. The two will join nearly 1,500 students from across the United States for a one-week all expenses paid trip to the nation's capital. Both students will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship in their high school senior year upon enrollment in a college or university.

Over the course of the week, Long and Thompson, traveling with delegations from North Carolina, will visit historic sites and spend time with congressional leaders. Students will create podcasts and digital photo projects as they learn about electric cooperatives and discuss issues in energy and climate change legislation that face their communities and the nation.

"Energy is a hot topic right now," said Angela Perez, Public Relations and Communications Specialist for Wake Electric. "Students are hearing about renewable and sustainable energy in the news every day. Clay and Sallie are not only high-achieving students, but they also both demonstrated an in-depth and thorough understanding of issues surrounding renewable energy that are impacting the electric utility industry."

For more information on Wake Electric's youth programs, go to www.wemc.com. To learn more about the youth tour, visit www.youthtour.coop. The youth tour is funded through voluntary member and employee donations to Operation Round-Up.





Nicholas Savage

Wake Electric Awards Scholarships To Local Students

Wake Electric has awarded 17 college scholarships equaling a total of \$22,000. The \$2,000 Fred M. Alford Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Nicholas Savage of Wake Forest-Rolesville High School.

The Touchstone Energy Scholarship winners are as follows:

- Erin Boltz of South Granville High School
- Gary Wayne Byrd of South Granville High School
- Megan Camille Crayton of Bunn High School
- Betsy Dickerson of N.C. State University
- Tyler Allen Floyd of J.F. Webb High School
- Joel T. Hayes of Franklinton High School
- Kristin Snow Hedrick of Franklinton High School
- Garrett Liles Johnson of East Wake School of Integrated Technology
- Jinizha Johnson of South Granville High School
- Morgan Elisabeth Jones of Wake Forest-Rolesville High School
- Havanna Edelle Keeton of J.F. Webb School of Health and Life Sciences
- Richard Keith of Louisburg High School
- Colin Taylor Reed of Wake Forest-Rolesville High School
- Samuel Wesley Richards of N.C. State University
- Maurice Savage of Wake Forest-Rolesville High School
- Samantha Tulenko of N.C. School of Science and Math

Funding for scholarships is made possible by Wake Electric members and Wake Electric employees through the Operation Round-Up Program. Learn more on the scholarship program or Operation Round-Up at www.wemc.com.

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Wake Electric offers 2 grant programs to teachers

The **Classroom Technology Awards** grant program offers grants to area K-12 and community college teachers. The grants are for specific technology such as computers, digital cameras, and software. To apply or find out if your school is eligible, go to www.wemc.com.

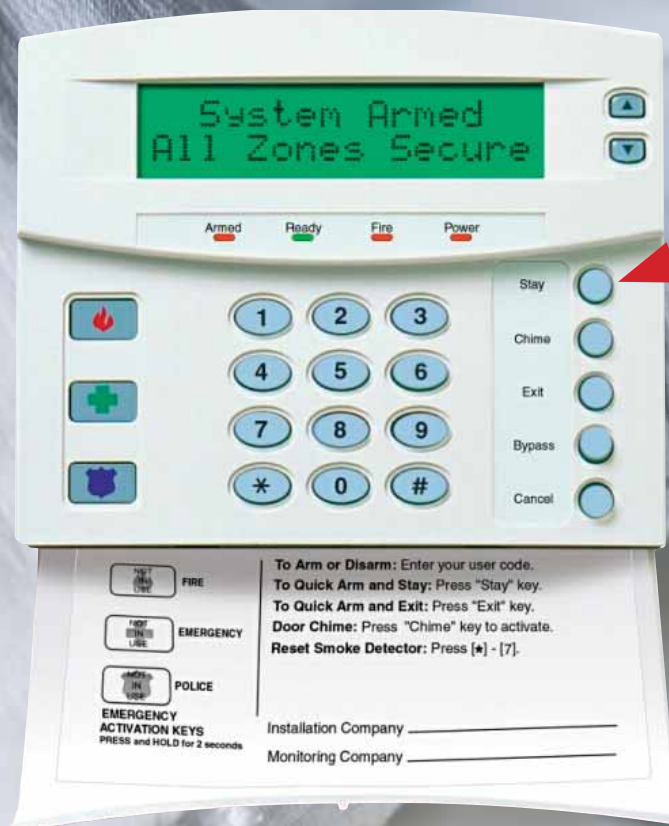
The **Bright Ideas** grant program awards grants for hands-on projects in any discipline to area K-12 teachers. To apply or find out if your school is eligible, go to www.ncbrightideas.com.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Properly hooking up your clothes dryer can help save on energy costs. Check to make sure the dryer vent hose is tightly connected to the dryer and also to the inside wall fitting. The vent hose should not be kinked or clogged.

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