

# Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



"The power to make a difference"

MAY 2011

## Annual Meeting Was a Great Success!

**W**ake Electric held its 2011 Annual Meeting on March 25, and it was a great success! More than 540 members, along with their guests, attended the meeting held in the Louisburg College Auditorium. Attendees had the opportunity to hear reports on Wake Electric's current plans and progress, and also had the chance to ask senior management questions about Wake Electric.

Three members re-elected during the business meeting to serve three-year terms on the Wake Electric Board of Directors were Mike Dickerson of Oxford (District 3), Roy Ed Jones of Wake Forest (District 6) and Reuben Matthews of Middlesex (District 9).

Jim Mangum, General Manager & CEO of Wake Electric, addressed the audience on three main topics: the transition from coal to natural gas in our generation mix, meeting "legislative mandates" for renewable energy and new technology coming soon to help members conserve energy. The Duke Energy/Progress Energy merger was also addressed.

Children attending the meeting with their parents and caregivers also had a great time participating in special activities planned for-school aged children. The activities all had a "Going Green" theme and were provided by Crafts on Wheels. The kids thoroughly enjoyed decorating flower pots, as well as painting and designing bug boxes, sun catchers and birdhouses.

Members in attendance were entered into a drawing for cash prizes totaling \$5,000. The lucky winners are listed to the right. Thank you to all the members who attended the annual meeting and to all the co-op employees that made it a great event for all!

*Jim Mangum, General Manager & CEO of Wake Electric, addresses members at Wake Electric's 2011 Annual Meeting about co-op business and electric utility industry trends.*



### ANNUAL MEETING PRIZE WINNERS

Name	City	Prize
Sandra Alston	Louisburg	\$1,000
Dale Burleson	Wake Forest	\$500
Edward M. Blackley	Kittrell	\$500
John L. Bryant	Creedmoor	\$250
W. M. Hall	Wake Forest	\$250
Christy L. Mitchell	Zebulon	\$250
C. G. Briggs	Wake Forest	\$250
Ronald Schulz	Wake Forest	\$100
Arthur J. Holloway	Oxford	\$100
Marion B. Wardrett	Louisburg	\$100
Angela Harris	Franklinton	\$100
Jane P. Miller	Franklinton	\$100
Charles Abbott	Wake Forest	\$100
Juliann Baker	Youngsville	\$100
Kelvin A. Hargrove	Kittrell	\$100
Kenneth Howard	Oxford	\$100
Willie Perry	Franklinton	\$100
Deborah K. Keith	Wake Forest	\$100
Jeff Williams	Louisburg	\$100
Roy Bailey	Wake Forest	\$100
Cornelius Cheatham	Kittrell	\$100
Preston Creech	Zebulon	\$100
Inez Taylor	Kittrell	\$100
Betty B. Finch	Creedmoor	\$100
Melton Pace	Louisburg	\$100
Betty Copeland	Raleigh	\$100
Theron Cephus Ray	Bailey	\$100

*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 we will grant that member a cash prize, but we will also 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: Charles F. Keller, Youngsville (employee), and John Jake Lowery, Youngsville (employee).*



*Jim Mangum poses with the \$1,000 grand prize drawing winner, Sandra Alston, and her husband, Fred Alston, from Louisburg.*

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## HAVE A HECTIC LIFESTYLE

This program helps busy consumers like you who are on the go monitor and manage your home energy use. You can turn on/turn off your HVAC system and electric water heater through any computer connected to the Internet, including smart phones.



## CONCERNED FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

This program helps you monitor and manage home electric use to reduce your carbon footprint and help protect our environment.



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## Holiday Closing

Wake Electric's offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in honor of Memorial Day. For emergencies, please contact us at 1-800-474-6300 or 919-863-6300.

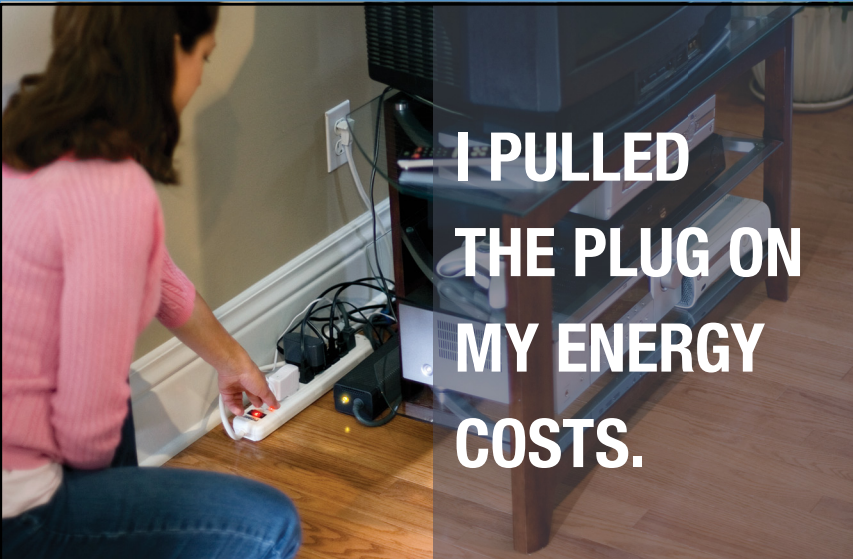
## Attention, Teachers!



## You Can Now Apply for Two Acclaimed Grant Programs Sponsored by Wake Electric

The Classroom Technology Awards grant program is in full swing and area K–12 teachers, as well as community college teachers, can now apply for a grant of up to \$3,000. The grants, to be used during the 2011–2012 school year, will be awarded in any discipline or subject for specific technology such as computers, digital cameras and software. The technology must benefit the students in the classroom. To apply or to find out if your school is eligible, please go to [www.wemc.com/classawards.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/classawards.aspx).

The Bright Ideas grant program has also kicked off. Teachers can now apply for a Bright Ideas grant that awards up to \$3,000 for hands-on projects in any discipline to area K–12 teachers. To apply or find out if your school is eligible, please visit [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).



# I PULLED THE PLUG ON MY ENERGY COSTS.

I'm saving \$222 a year by unplugging things and turning off power strips. What can you do? Find out how the little changes add up at [TogetherWeSave.com](http://TogetherWeSave.com).



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## Electrical Safety Calendar

Use this handy calendar to help keep your home safe. For more tips, visit [esfi.org](http://esfi.org).

### JANUARY

- Check and replace furnace filters

### FEBRUARY

- Vacuum refrigerator coils

### MARCH

- Replace smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries if not done in last 12 months

### APRIL

- Check and replace furnace filters

### MAY

- Clean air conditioners or schedule annual inspection
- Vacuum refrigerator coils

### JUNE

- Dust light fixtures/lamps
- Schedule annual inspection of gas-powered dryer

### JULY

- Check and replace air conditioning filters

### AUGUST

- Vacuum refrigerator coils

### SEPTEMBER

- Schedule annual furnace cleaning and inspection

### OCTOBER

- Check and replace furnace filters

### NOVEMBER

- Vacuum refrigerator coils

### DECEMBER

- Dust light fixtures/lamps

### ESFI recommends hiring a licensed, qualified home electrical inspector if:

Your home is more than 40 years old; your home had a major addition or renovation or major new appliance added in the last 10 years; and/or you are the new owner of a previously owned home.

Every month you should:

### 1. Inspect all electrical and appliance cords for damage

### 2. Test GFCIs & AFCIs

Whether you have a receptacle-type or circuit breaker-type ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI), pushing the TEST button should turn off power to the circuit. To restore power, press the RESET button. To test arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) push the TEST button. The breaker handle should go to the middle or off position. To reset, move the breaker handle to the OFF position and then to the ON position.



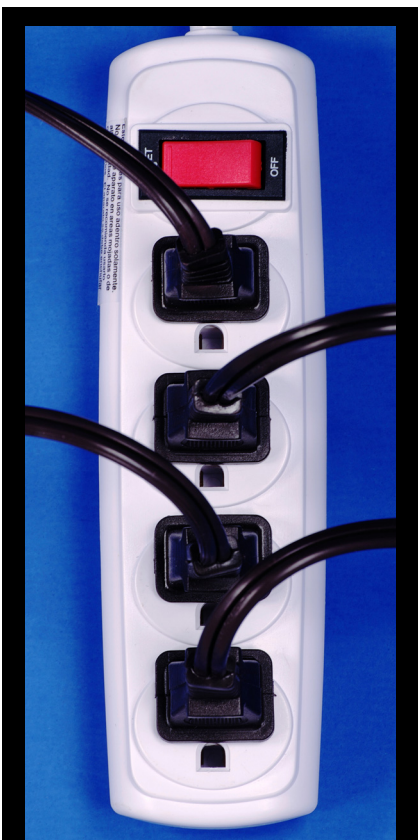
### 3. Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

Push the TEST button or use other procedures recommended by the manufacturer. Smoke alarm batteries should be changed at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps" or "beeps" to indicate low batteries, change them right away. Replace all smoke alarms at least every 10 years.



# May is Electrical Safety Month

Statistics from the National Fire Protection Association reveal that in 2007, there were approximately 51,800 home electrical fires resulting in 450 deaths, 1,640 injuries and \$1.2 billion in property damage. Additionally, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, nearly 400 people in the United States are electrocuted each year. The loss of life, injuries and economic losses caused by electrical hazards can be reduced with education and awareness, which is why North Carolina's electric cooperatives recognize May as Electrical Safety Month.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP Cut Electronics Energy Use

Electronics account for 8.1 percent of your home's energy use. Cut costs by plugging items into a power strip, and turning the strip off when not in use. "Smart" power strips are another good option—when one master device like a TV is turned off, it cuts power to other selected items (DVD players, gaming consoles, stereos, etc.).

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

- ★ Be sure that all electrical outlets have safety covers, especially if children are present in the household.
- ★ Check your electrical cords regularly for frays, cracks or kinks and replace them immediately if damaged.
- ★ Look for a certification label from an independent testing lab such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories) or ETL (Electrical Testing Laboratories) on products and packages. For extension cords, look for an attached certification label on the cord near the plug. For power strips and surge protectors, inspect the underside of the casing and make certain that it is marked with the manufacturer's name and the testing lab.
- ★ Make sure all wiring in your household is secure and constructed correctly.
- ★ When unplugging an appliance, pull by the plug, not the cord.
- ★ Stay away from downed power lines and assume they are full of electricity. Call 911 or your electric cooperative

immediately to report any downed lines.

- ★ Never dig in your yard without first calling "Call Before You Dig" at 811 or 1-800-632-4949. You could possibly strike a utility line and cause damage to yourself or those around you.

This May, start making it a year-round priority to practice electrical safety in every aspect of your life. Please contact your local electric cooperative if you have electrical safety concerns. Don't take chances.

