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Wake Electric Awards Scholarships

LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE \$22,000 THROUGH ITS 2013 PROGRAM

Wake Electric has awarded 17 college scholarships equaling a total of \$22,000.

The \$2,000 Fred M. Alford Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Catherine Mary Foley of Wake Forest-Rolesville High School.

The Touchstone Energy Scholarship winners (\$1,250 each) are:

1. Mary Stuart Privette of Wake Forest-Rolesville High School
2. Chad Matthew Kibbe of Bunn High School
3. Andrew Stone Rather of WG Enloe High School
4. Maurice Savage of NC State University
5. Charlotte Michaela Burroughs of Granville Central High School
6. Devin Hoffman of Franklinton High School
7. Jeremy Daniel Boudah of Heritage High School
8. Nicholas Savage of NC State University
9. Benjamin Daniel Keel of NC State University
10. Molly Hendricks Boutwell of Louisburg High School
11. Abby Grace Trotter of Franklinton High School
12. Melanie Dawn McCaskey of Appalachian State University
13. Meredith Elizabeth Lee of North Raleigh Christian Academy
14. Justin Baldwin of Heritage High School
15. Dustin Michael Burlison of UNC Chapel Hill
16. Havanna Edelle Keeton of UNC Chapel Hill



Catherine Mary Foley of Wake Forest-Rolesville

High School is the 2013 Fred M. Alford Scholarship winner.

Teachers Can Now Apply For Two Grant Programs, Sponsored By Wake Electric



Area K-12 public school teachers, as well as community college teachers, can now apply for a Classroom Technology Awards grant of up to \$3,000. The grants, to be used during the 2013-2014 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.

Area K-12 public school teachers can also now apply for a Bright Ideas grant that awards up to \$3,000 for hands-on projects in any discipline. To apply or find out if your school is eligible, please visit www.ncbrightideas.com.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Your swimming pool doesn't have to be a drain on your electric bill. Simply covering it will go a long way to reducing evaporation, which will cut back on refilling and reheating. Also, consider investing in a high-efficiency or multi-speed pool pump when it's time for a replacement—they cost more but save a lot more energy than older models. Visit EnergySavers.gov for more info.



Source: NRECA's Cooperative Research Network

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Board Member Reuben Matthews Honored for 20 Years of Service

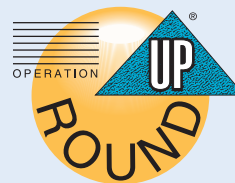
Reuben Matthews, vice president of the board of directors for Wake Electric, has been recognized for 20 years of service to the electric cooperative. Matthews resides in Middlesex, NC. He represents District Nine in Wake Electric's service territory, which includes the portions of Wake Electric's service area located in Johnston and Nash counties.

The commendable service award was presented at the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives' (NCAEC) annual meeting on April 3. NCAEC is the trade association for the 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina, including Wake Electric.

The cooperatives provide reliable, safe and affordable electricity to more than 950,000 homes, farms and businesses in North Carolina. The co-ops are not-for-profit organizations that are member owned and overseen by a board of directors elected by the membership.

Wake Electric Awards \$6,000 in Operation RoundUp Grant Monies

Wake Electric awarded \$6,000 in grant monies during the 1st quarter of 2013 to deserving nonprofit organizations located in counties served by the co-op. These grants were made available through the Operation RoundUp program.



Nonprofit agencies located in counties that Wake Electric serves, which include Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties, are eligible to apply. The agency does not have to be a member of Wake Electric.

Grants are open to all project and subject areas that enhance economic infrastructure and job creation, promote service or charitable organizations, and meet emergency needs of individuals within the service area of Wake Electric.

The next deadline for Operation RoundUp grant applications is Friday, June 14, 2013, by 5 p.m. Winners will be announced by mid-July 2013. A simple and convenient downloadable application can be found at www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx.

Each quarter, the board of directors for the program's administrative body, the Wake Electric Foundation board, meets to determine who will be awarded funds.

The 1st quarter 2013 Operation RoundUp grant winners are:

Name of Nonprofit Organization	Amount Awarded	County Nonprofit is Located	Info about Grant
A Blessing, Inc.	\$1,000	Franklin	Dry goods supplies, such as paper products
Building 323 Food Pantry	\$2,500	Johnston	Non-perishable food supplies
Bridges of Hope/ Helping Hands	\$2,500	Franklin	Supplies for children's programs

The funds for the Operation RoundUp grants come from Wake Electric members who agree to round up their electric bill to the nearest whole dollar. For example, if the bill is \$104.91, the bill will be rounded up 9 cents to \$105.



Independence Day Holiday Closing

Wake Electric's offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in honor of Independence Day. For emergencies, please contact us at (919) 863-6300 or 1-800-474-6300.

Hurricane Safety

Advancements in technology warn us of coming storms days in advance, but don't wait until a hurricane forms to start preparing. Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30 and, when these disasters strike, they pose serious threats to North Carolinians. True preparation starts now. Follow these tips to make sure that you, your family and home stay safe this hurricane season.

BEFORE THE STORM

- ★ Have a family evacuation plan. Determine a safe site for your family to meet and include the safest route to an emergency shelter or other facility.
- ★ Locate important papers and documents and have them ready to take with you, should you need to evacuate. These items include drivers' licenses, Social Security cards, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates and tax records.
- ★ Put together a disaster supply kit that includes a two-week supply of water, non-perishable food items, a first-aid kit, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, batteries and your prescription medications.
- ★ Fill your car with gas as soon as a storm is forecasted.
- ★ Secure your home. Close storm shutters and lock up outdoor objects or bring them indoors.

DURING THE STORM

- ★ Follow hurricane progress reports on the television, radio or online. Have a battery-powered radio on hand in case the power goes out.
- ★ Avoid windows and glass doors and keep curtains and blinds closed. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level.
- ★ If evacuation is necessary, leave as soon as possible and unplug all appliances.

AFTER THE STORM

- ★ Make sure the storm has completely passed before going outside.
- ★ Never pick up or touch downed power lines. Because the lines could still be energized, report them immediately by calling your electric cooperative or 911.
- ★ If your power is out for an extended period of time and your emergency situation requires a generator, have a qualified, licensed electrician connect the generator to your home's main electrical supply. Power from generators can backfeed along power lines and electrocute anyone who comes into contact with them.

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Around-the-Clock Appliances

In 2013, new appliances boast a myriad of functions that make our lives easier—but in doing so they also consume more energy.

While appliances have become more energy efficient, few ever truly shut down anymore. And as Americans add more and more electronic devices to their households—25 on average, according to the Consumer Electronics Association—much more energy is consumed.

Take a phone charger, for example. Leaving it plugged in without a phone attached doesn't mean it's not drawing power—in fact, it uses 0.26 watts of electricity even when a phone isn't connected, and 2.24 watts when the handset is charging.

Of course, that 0.26 watts by itself might not be a big issue. But if most of your electronic devices are doing that, it can add up to as much as 10 percent of your bill, according to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

"Take a look around your house—how many cords are plugged in? Of those, how many are actually attached to a device? You might be surprised at how much electricity your family consumes, even when you don't realize it," says Fred Keller, manager of member and energy services for Wake Electric.

Leaving your cable box plugged in for a year and never turning it off adds, on average, \$17.83 to your electric bill. Toss in a DVR function and that total jumps to \$43.46, DOE reports.

Electric bills don't have to be held hostage by 24-hour-a-day energy use. For starters, use a power strip to turn several electronics on or off at once. For a bigger investment, look into "smart" power strips. They allow you to cut power to certain appliances—say, your TV—while letting power flow to your cable box because it takes time to reboot after being unplugged.

If you're in the market for a new appliance, look for an ENERGY STAR model. It generally consumes less power all around and uses less standby energy.

For more information on energy-efficient living, visit www.wemc.com/resmemservices.aspx and look for "Energy Savings."

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, Consumer Electronics Association



Think lightning can't get into your house and ...

- ⚡ Damage your computer?
- ⚡ Ruin your dimmer switches?
- ⚡ Harm your flat-screen TV?

Think again.

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