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Those We
Serve"

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It's January...a brand new year.
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Watts Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative Working

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Make a New Year's resolution that you can keep

It's that time of the year when we all make New Year's resolutions: "I'm going to lose 30 pounds!" or "I'm going to get back into shape!" Although made in good faith, we usually break or forget these promises to ourselves soon after they are made. Maybe it's time to try something different. The following New Year's resolutions won't take off weight or get you back into shape, but they are easy enough to implement and they could save your life. Resolve to do each of the following:

Install a Smoke Detector

One smoke detector isn't enough, but it will help. December, January and February are the leading months for home fires and associated deaths in the United States. Install smoke detectors near the bedrooms of your home. Test them once a month and replace the batteries once a year. Get your children involved so that they become familiar with the operation and sound of the detectors.

Install a Fire Extinguisher

Every kitchen should have a fire extinguisher rated for grease and elec-

trical fires. Make sure that every able-bodied person in your home is trained on how to use it. Strongly consider placing one in your car as well.

Install a Carbon Monoxide Detector

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that results from burning fuel for furnaces, unvented kerosene heaters, gas space heaters, stoves or automobile exhaust. Every year in the United States, more than 200 people die of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI)

A ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protects people from severe or fatal electric shocks and burns by monitor-

ing the flow of electric current to a specified circuit. If the GFCI detects changes in the current, it will switch off the current to that circuit. All new homes built today require the installation of GFCIs. It's a wise idea!

The importance of your family makes it extremely worthwhile to take the time and install these safety devices. If you save a life or prevent an accident, these could be your best New Year's resolutions ever.



Install a smoke detector (top) and a carbon monoxide detector (bottom) for peace of mind in the coming year.



SWAP SHOP

The **Swap Shop** is a free public service to the members of Randolph EMC. All items for sale must be priced. Please include a membership number as shown on your power bill. Send item descriptions to Randolph EMC, c/o SWAP SHOP, P.O. Box 40, Asheboro, NC 27204.

Due to publication time restraints, many items have been sold before members receive the issue. Also, REMC reserves the right to edit or carry ads over to the following month if limited by available space. We apologize if this causes any inconvenience to our members.

FOR SALE

1997 Yamaha Royal Star Motorcycle
One owner (27,800 miles), 6-month unlimited mileage warranty, \$7350. Call 910-673-6005. Motorcycle has a retail value of \$10,400.

1992 Dodge Dakota
Ext. Cab, V6, AC, Cruise, white/grey, \$4700.

1996 Dodge Dakota Sport, 4 cyl., AC, 5 speed, red, like new, \$6300.

1992 Dodge Dakota
Ext. Cab, AC, Cruise, blue/grey, \$6900.

1989 Chevy Cheyenne
V8, AC, maroon, \$5300.

1991 Chevy 1500, V6, Automatic, AC, \$4300. Call Carl 704-933-0755 or Bob 910-439-1394.

Old hickory woodstove
Cast iron, 12" by 24", \$150 OBO. Call 576-6222, ext.396 or 576-0489 after 9 p.m.

New folding wheelchair
w/extra cushion, \$225.

New chair for bath tub
w/shower and rails for tub and side, \$125. Call evenings 910-439-6571.

1987 Mobile home
New paint/carpet throughout, 2 full baths, 1 walk-in closet, all appliances and fireplace. Call 879-5359.

Cocker Spaniel Puppies
3 males/2 females, dark to light buff in color, registered, \$250 each.

1193 Dodge Grand Caravan LE, 4 captains' chairs, bench seat in back (7 passenger), power driver seat, power windows and door locks, AM/FM cassette, speakers in front and back, one owner, (108,000 miles), \$3500 OBO. Call 336-824-4488 daytime or 336-824-2208 after 6 p.m.

1988 14X70 mobile home
heat pump, DBL storm windows, LG LR, XL master bedroom, GC, \$8000 OBO.
15 ft. fiberglass boat w/trailer, walk through windshield, 50 horse Evenrude motor, GC, \$1200. Call 910-428-9537.

2 gas heating stoves
(1 Warm Morning) \$75 & \$130.

3 cushion couch, beige w/blue-mauve, EC, \$65.

Weight lifting bench
w/weights \$150. Call 336-622-2968.

Great Dane pups AKC
Born 11-4-01, parents on site, wormed & first shots, great colors, \$300. Call 336-498-3466.

New queen size mattress
and foundation, \$300.

New mattress and boxspring
(60X54) queen size width by full size length, \$260. Call 498-7928 before 9 p.m. (leave message).

2 grey/white cockatiel birds
One male and one female, for pleasure only, approxi-

mately 3-5 years old, can be held, \$20 for pair. Call 336-672-0785.

Fiest puppies
Born on 9-30-01, some bob-tail, \$45. Call 910-464-5213.

Brand new Dodge/Mountain Dew promotion, mini stock car
3.5 HP, Tecumseh Engine, \$1600. Call 910-947-2370, ext. 204 (daytime) or 910-948-4244 (after 6 p.m.).

Kirby vacuum cleaner
(person paid \$1200 for it), not used many times, practically brand new, \$800. Call Jammie at 910-948-3032, leave message.

1999 Fleetwood 14X80 mobile home
4 BR, 2BA, very good condition. Call 919-837-5801.

1997 Ford Escort, 4-door
One owner, \$4500. Call 919-663-3783.

1990 Chevy Lumina Euro-sport
\$2000. Call 336-879-5544 after 5 p.m.

Heifers for sale

Bulls for sale or rent

Costal & Fescue hay for sale

Wood for sale

2 houses for rent.
Call 910-948-2894 or 910-948-4346.

Washer and dryer
\$100 each.

270-gallon fuel oil tanks
\$50 each.

Hot water heating system components
3 inside & outside controllers, 4X10 solar panel thermostats, valves, and one gallon of water conditioner (new), all goes for one price. Call to inquire 910-464-5623.

Upright piano, just tuned
(sounds great), \$150. Call 336-626-7639.

Grave plots \$500
Resting places and columbarium spaces available. Located in historical Flint Hill Community Cemetery, on Uwharrie Mt. For info call 910-572-3726.

Gas Pack 2.5-ton
w/central cooling, \$1000, negotiable. Call 910-464-5380.

House on Rockingham St.
in Robbins, N.C. 3BR, 2BA, central HVAC, house inspection report available, \$48,000. Call 910-948-3259.

New Calloway Driver VFT
10 R for \$300. Call 498-7928 before 9 p.m. (leave message).

WANTED

2 tires for Ford Redbelly tractor
(size 11X28). Call 910-572-5747.

Outside dog kennels
for boxer rescue. Also big dog crates (anything doggie). Donations are also greatly appreciated. Please contact Angela at 336-381-2919.

FOR RENT

Cozy cabin in the Badin Lake area
for lovers, hunters (hunting nearby), and fisherman, or just for solitude. Very private (Uwharrie Mtns.), can rent by the weekend \$175, week \$250, or month \$500. Call 910-572-9064 or 336-461-3246. If necessary leave message on machine.

Mobile home 2BR
On acre lot, \$325 per month. Call 464-3459.



Advantage Plus Prescription Plan

As a member of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, you are eligible to subscribe to the Advantage Plus Prescription Plan. As a participant, you will receive prescription discounts averaging at least 10 percent, but possibly up to 40 percent, depending on the medication. These discounts are available through the national AmeriKind Pharmacy Network which includes more than 50,000 participating chain pharmacies, independent pharmacies and Kmart pharmacies nationwide. This is also the primary discount pharmacy network supported by Kmart.

You will also have the added convenience of using the mail order pharmacy. Large discounts are available on all maintenance drugs, both generic

and brand name. In addition, take advantage of free shipping and no sales tax!

You can have the best pharmacy program available today for only \$2 per month. The \$2 charge is added to your electric bill each month. If at any time you decide that you no longer wish to participate, just call in and we'll gladly remove your name from the program.

By signing up now you will receive a \$15 cash coupon from Kmart. Simply redeem the \$15 cash coupon at the time you present your prescription to the pharmacist, and you will be able to use your \$15 discount for merchandise in any department.

Don't delay—sign up today and begin saving on your family's prescription drug needs!



Advantage Plus Prescription Plan

Name _____

(as it appears on your bill)

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Your E-mail Address _____

Signature _____

Account Number _____

Call 888-689-5775 for details.

People Helping People

Sign up today to be a part of People Helping People! By allowing Randolph EMC to round up your electric bill to the next even dollar, you are making a donation of between 1-99 cents per month to help people in need. These funds will go to members of Randolph EMC with dire needs. A board of directors, made up of members of REMC, will allocate where these monies go.

Sign up today and be a part of People Helping People! Yes, now there is a way to help your neighbors!

Clip and send this form in

People Helping People

Name _____

As it appears on your bill

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____

Account Number _____





A Word ABOUT Randolph Electric

Dear Members,

The winter of 2000/2001 was quiet in the area of winter storms. We were very fortunate, reflecting back to the January 2000 snowstorm, that we had a very quiet winter season without any major outages caused by winter weather. Inherent with storms are downed power lines and other safety hazards. With that in mind, now is a good time to go over some basic electrical safety information.

Safety is extremely important to Randolph EMC. The safety of our employees and the general public is a very important part of our jobs as we go about serving our members. I want to mention some electrical safety tips to follow, not only during storms, but also as you go about your normal activities.

Electricity is always seeking a ground. Contact with electricity can cause an electrical shock. If you get in between electricity and a ground, you become a path for electrical current to flow. Even a small and seemingly insignificant shock can be frightening, painful and cause extensive damage to the body. Electric current can burn the skin, nerves, muscles and tissues in the body. A severe electrical shock can cause the heart to stop beating, severely damage vital organs and tissue, and eventually lead to death.

A downed power line can be deadly, if not handled properly. Numerous times, when I worked as a lineman, we encountered situations where the conditions were right and a downed power line was still energized when we arrived on the scene. Many people are under the assumption that if a power line is on the ground or lying in trees and no smoke or sparks are coming from it, it is de-energized. This is not necessarily true!

Never, never, never assume that a downed power line is de-energized. If you encounter a downed line, stay back and keep others away. Do not touch anything that is in contact with, or in the vicinity of, a downed power line. Service lines, even if they are insulated, should be considered dangerous and treated the same as a high voltage line.

Never touch a tree or tree branch that is making contact with a power line. Electrical current can flow through the tree or a tree branch and shock or kill anyone touching it.

If you encounter a downed wire touching a vehicle, stay clear. If you are inside the vehicle, wait for help. If you absolutely must leave your car due to a fire or other emergency, then jump clear without touching the car and the ground at the same time. Be sure to land with your feet together. Then, shuffle away with your feet staying close together.

Never work or play in the vicinity where you, or the object you are working or playing with, can come in contact with a power line. Be extremely careful with farm augers, ladders, lifting booms, antennas and flying kites. If an object or kite does come into contact with a power line, stay clear

and contact us immediately. Always remember to look up before you move tall items.

If you must dig in the vicinity of an underground line, contact us to locate the lines at least two days before work begins. Contact with an energized underground line can be just as deadly as with an overhead line.

An electrical fire must be treated differently than other types of fires. In case of an electrical fire in your home, unplug the affected appliances or shut off the power from the main control panel. If the fire is a small one, then put it out with a Class "C" fire extinguisher, multi-purpose fire extinguisher (commonly called an ABC extinguisher), or baking soda. NEVER use water!

Water and electricity do not mix. If a downed power line is near or in water, never come into contact with either. Around the home, do not leave plugged-in appliances where they might have contact with water. If a plugged-in appliance falls into water, never reach in to pull it out, even if it is turned off. Turn off the power source at the panel board and then unplug the appliance. If an appliance gets wet, do not use it until it is checked by a qualified repair person. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) can help prevent electrocution. They are required in all new home construction for kitchen, bathroom and outside receptacles and should always be used in any area where water and electricity may come in contact with one another.

If you use a standby generator during an outage situation, be sure it's installed and wired properly. Never connect a generator directly to your main electrical panel or an electrical outlet. Without the correct safety mechanisms, power from the generator could flow back onto the power line and injure or kill you or one of our line personnel.

Electrical safety is a part of the daily routine at your cooperative. It should also be a safety concern for you and your family. Please take the time to share this basic information with your family and children. Knowing the basics can not only help prevent an injury, it can save a life. If you come across a downed power line or any other electrical hazard, contact Randolph EMC immediately.

From your board of directors, employees and management, we want to wish you a happy, safe and prosperous new year.

Cooperatively Yours,



Dale F. Lambert
Executive Vice President and
General Manager

