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a newsletter for members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation

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 Wake Electric Membership Corporation

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

Members—be sure to join us for the

Wake Electric Annual Meeting!



Join us for Wake Electric's Annual Meeting! We invite you to take a pause in your busy lives to join this exciting gathering of Wake Electric members. During this meeting we celebrate our strength and unity and conduct the important business of our cooperative.

This year, our meeting will focus on “Striking the Right Balance.” There is no more appropriate description for these times in our industry. The complexity and the fast pace of issues confronting co-ops—particularly new federal and state legislations on energy that could mean higher electric rates for consumers—means we have critical choices to make each day that have long-term implications. We have to get it right.

But challenges are also opportunities. That's why your participation at this Annual Meeting is so important as we join together to make decisions reflecting our traditional cooperative priorities and responsibilities.

“There will be over a dozen cash prizes given away. Including a grand prize of \$1,000!”

You will have the opportunity to hear reports on the plans and progress of Wake Electric and have the chance to ask questions about your co-op. There will be special activities for school-aged children during the meeting.

Members in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a number of prizes, including \$5,000 in cash prizes. The Grand Prize will be \$1,000 and 2 second place prize of \$500 each. There will be 4 third place prizes of \$250 each and 20 fourth-place cash prizes of \$100 each.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Annual Meeting.



General Manager

Attention Members:

Wake Electric's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2008 at the Louisburg College Auditorium. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

40 local students awarded \$50 U.S. Savings Bond!

That's right. 40 students' names were recently drawn to receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. The students submitted their most recent report card showing at least one grade of an "A" (or the equivalent). For more info. go to www.wemc.com.

Barefoot,	Jordan	Mount Energy Elementary
Beasley,	Tara	Cedar Creek Middle
Best,	Janae	Shepherd Middle School
Branch,	Felicia	Southern Vance High School
Bullock,	Justin	Mt. Energy Elementary
Burdett,	Michael	Green Hope High
Callahan,	Ryan	Bunn Elementary
Crews,	Carissa	Henderson Middle School
Davis,	Brandon	Louisburg High
Davis,	Auriel Simone	Ravenscroft Upper School
Dixon,	Bruce	Cedar Creek Middle
Ellis,	Austin	Wake-Forest Rolesville Middle
Foreman,	Joshua	GC Hawley Middle School
Garrett,	Tyler	Stovall Shaw Elementary
Gough,	Jennifer	Wakefield High
Green,	Shannon	Lufkin Road Middle
Harrington,	Nicole	Wake-Forest Rolesville High
Iler,	Logan	Davis Drive Middle School
Jackson,	Rachel	Ligon GT Magnet Middle
Johnson,	Jinizha	S. Granville High School
King,	Phillip	Leesville Road High
Kinney,	Samantha	Royal Elementary
Leahy,	Kaili	Kerr-Vance Academy
Lindley,	Kelly Cheyenne	Glendale-Kenly
Lyon,	Colton	GC Hawley Middle School
McInnis,	Alyssa	North Raleigh Christian
Perry,	Jennifer	Bunn Middle
Pfendler,	Chase	Wake-Forest Rolesville High
Pring,	Kelly	Magellan Charter School
Pruitt,	Harper	C G Credle Elementary
Rayfield,	Emily	Wake Forest Rolesville High
Rodwell,	Terris	Franklinton Elementary
Smith,	LaPrince-Miller	Shepherd Middle School
Stephens,	Shannon	Wake-Forest Rolesville High
Stroud,	Brandon	Royal Elementary
Thorne,	John Travis	Northern Nash High
Velez,	Kasie	Corinth-Holders Elementary
Wall,	Dylan P.	GC Hawley Middle School
Washington,	Connor	West Smithfield Elementary
Williford,	Hunter	East Wake Middle

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Want to save money on your electric bill?

The next time you go shopping for a new appliance you might be drawn to the one with the lowest price tag. However, one aspect you might want to consider is how much it costs to operate the appliance. According to the US Department of Energy, different models of refrigerators with the same storage space can vary noticeably in the amount of electricity they use. This can amount to a \$20 annual difference in operating costs. As a result, you may actually save money by buying the more expensive, yet more energy-efficient model.



Even if two models look the same from the outside, the features on the inside can make a huge difference in your monthly utility bills. Most of the differences are in the motors, compressors, pumps, valves, gaskets and seals, or in electronic sensors.

You can learn about the energy efficiency of an appliance through the yellow and black EnergyGuide label on the appliance. Some appliances may feature the EnergyStar logo, which means that the appliance uses considerably less energy than a similar model.

You can maximize the efficiency of your present appliances by doing the following:

- Move your refrigerator away from the stove, dishwasher or heat vents. Vacuum the coils every three months to reduce dirt buildup. Check the doors for air leaks and defrost the freezer when more than a quarter-inch of ice builds up.
- Make sure the water level on your washer is the correct setting for the amount of clothes you are washing.
- Clean your clothes dryer filters after each use.
- Wash clothes in cold or warm water rather than hot water.
- Check to see that the temperature on your water heater is set to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

You will save money on your monthly energy bill by purchasing energy efficient appliances and using them properly.



Middle-schoolers - apply today
for an all-expenses paid week at the



Coach Roy Williams Basketball Camp for boys or Coach Kay Yow Basketball Camp for girls

Wake Electric is proud to announce two basketball funding programs for 2008.

Your co-op is offering female students in rising grades 6-8 the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to the Kay Yow basketball camp and male students in rising grades 6-8 the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to attend the Roy Williams basketball camp.

The Kay Yow camp will be held June 22-26, 2008 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh and the Roy Williams camp will be held June 21-25, 2008 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill. All expenses for the camps will be paid

for by Wake Electric.

The deadline for students to apply to either camp is March 28, 2008. To download an application, go to www.wemc.com. For more information, call Angela Perez at 919.863.6376 or 1.800.474.6300.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camps Scholarship winners will learn fundamental basketball skills, teamwork and develop new friendships. Camp graduates will learn new skills that will enable them to excel on and off the basketball court.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship Program is an expression of the electric cooperatives' historic commitment to the community on behalf of their 2.5 million North Carolina members.

Seniors and College-Students, apply for a scholarship!

Apply now for Wake Electric college funding for students planning to attend either an accredited four-year college, community college, technical or vocational school in North Carolina.

The Fred Alford \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the top candidate selected by an independent judging panel. Requirements for this scholarship include the following criteria:

- Must be a child of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- Must be a high school graduating senior
- Must pursue a regular four-year undergraduate course leading to a baccalaureate degree
- Must plan to attend an accredited four-year institution in North Carolina

Eight Touchstone Energy Scholarships of \$500 or more will also be awarded. These are not limited to recent high school graduates, and may be used at one

of the state's community colleges, vocational or technical schools, as well as at a four-year college. The requirements for these scholarships are:

- Must be a child of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- Must use these funds at a N.C. college or university, community college, vocational or technical school.

To apply for any of the scholarships, go to www.wemc.com or call 919.863.6376 or 1.800.474.6300 for more information.

The deadline is March 28, 2008.

Applications are available on the cooperative's web site: www.wemc.com.

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RECIPE—Jam Crumb Cake



Brilliant swirls of raspberry jam and a crunchy crumb topping make this cake far prettier—and tastier—than most.

Makes 6 to 8 servings

Recipe by Melissa Roberts, Quick Kitchen

Make crumb topping:

Whisk together butter, sugars, cinnamon, and salt until smooth.

Stir in flour, then blend with your fingertips until incorporated.

Sprinkle crumbs in large clumps over top of cake.

Bake cake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean and sides begin to pull away from pan, about 25 minutes.

Cool in pan on a rack 5 minutes.

INGREDIENTS

For cake

1 cup all-purpose flour
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 3/4 stick unsalted butter, melted
 1/2 cup milk
 1 large egg
 1/2 cup raspberry jam or preserves

For crumb topping

3/4 stick unsalted butter, melted
 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

PREPARATION

Make cake:

Preheat oven to 400°F with rack in middle.
 Generously butter a 9-inch square or round cake pan.

Whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.

Whisk together butter, milk, and egg in a large bowl, then whisk in flour mixture until just combined. Pour batter into cake pan. Dollop jam all over surface, then swirl into batter with spoon.

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